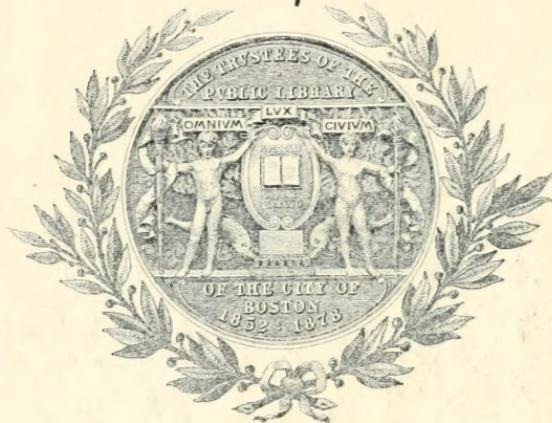


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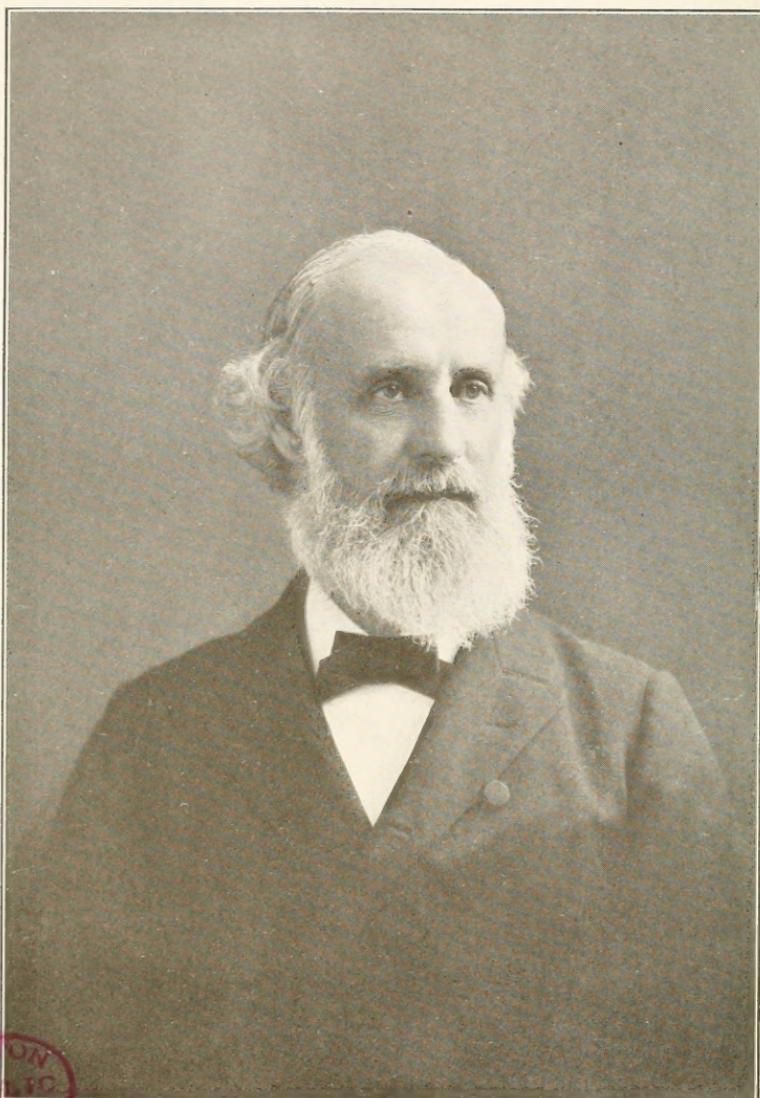




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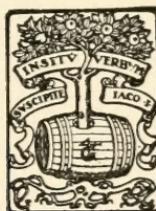
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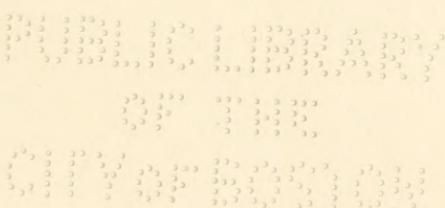
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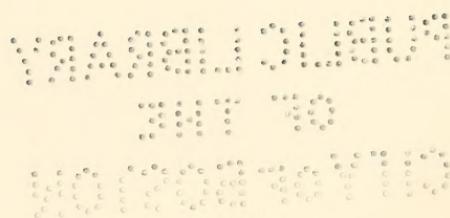
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## PREFACE

The author undertook the immense task of compiling this Chaffin history at the urgent request of J. H. Stockham, Esq., of Des Moines, Ia. Mr. Stockham, whose mother was a Chaffin, was deeply interested in the history of this family and had collected considerable data concerning it. But as Comptroller of Drake University of Des Moines he had no time to undertake this enterprise; and learning that Rev. W. L. Chaffin of Massachusetts was a member of this family, and had over thirty years' experience in historical work, he urged him to undertake it, promising to aid him all he could, a promise he has amply fulfilled. Mr. Stockham must, therefore, have the credit of initiating this work. This was early in 1911. The author had, however, become much interested in the family history some years before this by correspondence with the Misses Abby A. and Frederika N. Lewis of Cambridge, Mass., members of the Chaffin family. These ladies had collected much valuable information, some of which but for their painstaking efforts might never have come to light, and the author is under great obligation to them for the invaluable assistance they rendered in turning over their material to him and in stimulating his interest. It is, however, doubtful if he would have undertaken the immense labor required in compiling this history, or have assumed its financial risks, but for the earnest appeal and encouragement of Mr. Stockham, as already stated.

The author is glad to acknowledge his great indebtedness for assistance rendered by Mr. Stockham and by the Misses Lewis. Hardly less is the debt of gratitude he owes to Willard S. Chaffin of Akron, O., who has shown the liveliest interest in this enterprise, and in the most thorough and businesslike way has hunted up and carefully copied and transmitted the family records of the branch of Chaffins to which he belongs, descendants of Simon, who settled in Ohio about a century ago. Next to these four persons must be named Miss C. A. Jewett of Acton, Mass., who,

besides many valuable family data, furnished the information relative to the oldest Chaffin house and the ancient modes of housekeeping and living described in the appendix of this book.

The author would be glad to recount the kind services of the many persons who have assisted him in the compilation of this history. The time would fail him if he undertook even to name them all. But he must, at least, express his indebtedness to Charles A. Flagg, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Caroline S. Ross, Jerome S. Seacord, Unadilla, N. Y.; Howard M. Chapin, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Ora G. Chaffin, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Abbie E. Chaffin, Worcester, Mass.; Horace T. Tuttle, town clerk of Acton, Mass.; Hon. John Davis Long, Hingham, Mass.; J. P. Chafin, Troy, Wis.; William H. Chaffin, Portsmouth, O.; Mrs. Diadamia B. Lewis, Hutchinson, Kan.; S. A. Holden, Windham, Vt.; Mrs. Orlena A. Zabriskie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Grace W. Hicks, Wollaston, Mass.; Mrs. Florence F. Looney, Lancaster, N. Y.; Mrs. Stella L. Williams, Wallingford, Vt.; Rev. Jenkin L. Jones, Chicago, Ill.; John H. Fessenden, Tampa, Fla.; Charles R. Chaffin, Gorham, Me.; Mrs. Caroline Seagrave, Worcester, Mass.; H. W. Sanderson, Littleton Common, Mass.; Mrs. Tina H. Chaffin, Phillipston, Mass.; and there are many others who deserve grateful mention almost as much as those named above. We sometimes "save the best for the last," and it is simple justice to say that the author's most helpful assistant in this laborious work is his wife, whose intelligent and painstaking co-operation greatly lightened her husband's task.

So much for the Robert Chaffin family. But the compiler must express his grateful appreciation of services rendered in two other directions. At almost exactly the same time that Robert Chaffin was married and began the numerous family with which this history is mainly concerned, John Chaffin settled in Virginia, married and founded the Virginia Chaffin family, a numerous one, locating in that and in adjacent states. While a complete genealogical history of this family was out of the question, it seemed very desirable that a general sketch of it should be given. The material for such a sketch is meagre but the author was fortunate in finding an intelligent and deeply interested member

of this family, Mrs. Marie B. S. Forbrich of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was willing to do what she could in the preparation of some account of this Virginia Chaffin family, and he is under great obligation to her for the excellent manner in which she has done this work. And he cannot sufficiently emphasize the great kindness, the warm interest and earnest efforts of Thomas H. Chaffin, Esq., of Taunton, England, in the search he instituted to discover the immediate ancestry of Robert Chaffin with whom our Chaffin history begins. Thomas Chaffin has also earned the gratitude of all our family for the information he has given concerning the Chaffins of England, as may be seen by reference to this subject in the appendix of this book.

The remarkably fine illustrations contained in it are the work of the American Engraving Company of Boston.

Doubtless errors will be found in this work. No genealogy can be free from them. But to hastily assume that the compiler is to blame for them is a grave injustice; he simply reports the facts that are given to him. The causes of error are very numerous. Incorrect data may be given town clerks, or correct data may be incorrectly recorded. Errors creep even into family records. Gravestone inscriptions are not always to be trusted, especially in their eulogistic statements concerning the character of the persons of whom they are memorials, epitaphs being sometimes monumental lies. Not only omissions, but falsifications, of dates are, for obvious reasons, occasionally made. Defective memory, illegible penmanship, and careless copying are responsible for many errors. The author of this history has sometimes been given dates or statements quite diverse from each other by two, and even three, informants of apparently equal authority, and nothing can try the genealogist's patience more than this. Correspondents are occasionally careless and guesswork is made to supply the lack of record, the remark sometimes being made, "I am not sure this is correct, but I guess it is near enough for your purpose."

The author desires to gratefully acknowledge the uniform courtesy with which his requests for information have been responded to. He must have wearied some members of our fam-

ily by his persistence in writing them for exact and complete details, but while some have been indifferent, and a few made no answer at all after repeated solicitation, his several thousand letters have met on the whole a fair and intelligent reception.

The abbreviations in this book are: b. for born, d. for died, m. for married, int. for intention of marriage, unm. for unmarried, s. for son, dau. for daughter, res. for residence, abt. for about, bap. for baptized.

WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN.

North Easton, Mass., July 1912.

## INTRODUCTION

### THE NAME

There is a curious legend concerning the origin of the name Chaffin. It may be found in Champfleury's "Cats, Past and Present," and is told as follows: "The name Chaffin may be derived from a place called 'Le Chaffin' in the Sologne in France. It was named Chaffin (or *Le Chaffin*, which became corrupted into, and is at present, Chaffin) after a cat who fought with Satan and vanquished him and so saved a bridge that Satan was determined to destroy." A cat plucky enough and clever enough to beat the Devil we may be proud to commemorate by our family name. The name is one that is easily misunderstood and corrupted. The author remembers that through carelessness and misunderstanding, he has been addressed by as many as nineteen different names, among which are Chapin, Chaffee, Chaflin, Chafner, Chaplin, Chaffinch, Chalfant, Claflin, Chappin, Shaffin, Chafin, and a number of others. One member of the family, now represented by several families in Kansas, in a freak of eccentricity, by a petition to the legislature in Maine, had his name changed to Chabin, without improving it by the change. Another member of the family of three generations ago, apparently economical of paper and ink, dropped an f from the name, making it Chāfin. Speculating upon his reason for such a change, the author recalls a joke of which he was the subject, when, at an entertainment at North Easton, Mass., some one said, "I am not going to Unity Church any more for the minister is always *chaffing* (Chaffin) in the pulpit." The person alluded to above, who dropped one f from his name, may not have wished to be known as "always chaffing," and so wrote Chafin instead of Chaffin. His descendants, who are numerous, and one member of whom is the best known of all our family, Hon. Eugene W. Chafin, twice a candidate for the presidency of the United States, have continued this method of spelling the name.

Howard M. Chapin of Providence, R. I., who has given the subject careful study, has come to the conclusion that the Chapins and Chaffins were originally one family and probably descended from Chapyn or Chopyn and were of Saxon origin, some of them moving to France during the reign of the Plantagenets, and there taking the name Chopin.

#### THE CHAFFIN COAT-OF-ARMS

The coat-of-arms already shown in this book is certainly pleasing to the eye. It was not manufactured for the occasion, as some heraldic emblems have been in order to bolster up a claim for the aristocratic antecedents of a family. It is a genuine Chaffin coat-of-arms, sent to the author by Thomas H. Chaffin of Taunton, England, from whom many kind favors have been received. It is said to be the arms of the Somersetshire Chaffin family of England, but while we cannot confidently claim it as belonging to our Robert line, it may turn out to be so, and whether it does or not matters little. It is presented here for what it is worth. There is another Chaffin coat-of-arms belonging to the Dorsetshire, England, branch of the family, somewhat different from the one already referred to. The significance of the star and mural crown which form the crest of this one is that this coat-of-arms was the reward of some Chaffin who rendered distinguished service in the army or navy of England. Its motto, "Nil Desperandum," is tonic and bracing, one to encourage and inspire.

#### THE FAMILY ORIGIN

There was a story, strongly credited by some of the western members of the family, that our Robert Chaffin line was of Scotch origin. The story is based upon the existence of an "Old Bible" that was burned at Jacob Newland's in Scioto Co., O., Apr. 5, 1885. It was said that this Bible was dated sometime in 1400—but that "none of them who had it could read it!" In 1899 Reuben Chaffin, living in California, then sixty-four years old, told his neice, Miss Cynthia Malone, that his father, Reuben, told him that this old Bible had been handed down from father to oldest son, who also received the name of Reuben, that his father

“ was the oldest son and was born near a lake near Edinburgh, Scotland, where Edinburg now stands, but that the other children were born in America,” and that “ the oldest name, Reuben, had been handed down from father to son since sometime in 1400.” He alleged that there was a title in the old Bible aforesaid to a Chaffin “ estate near Edinburgh which had been handed down for generations, with the names of all the Reubens who had possessed the property.” Now this is a very pretty story, but in the judgment of the author of this history it is pure fiction, with absolutely no basis of fact to support it, the fancy of a man of whom a relative says, “ My uncle has been in trances, and has never been well.” In fact, his father Reuben, alleged to have been born near Edinburgh, was born in Massachusetts, and he was not an “oldest son,” and *his* father was not Reuben but was Francis, the son of Robert, and this Reuben’s son Reuben was not *his* first born, and so this fiction that “the oldest name, Reuben, had been handed down from father to son since some time in 1400,” has no shred of evidence to give it any credibility whatever. That there may have been an “old Bible” published in Scotland may be true, but when it is said that “none of them who had it could read it,” that the elder Reuben “*read* that Bible and it was the only one he did read,” and of the son Reuben a relative says, “I *think* my uncle could read it but am not certain,” and when it is considered that no one has any distinct remembrance of what writing was in it, we must refer all this Scotch tradition for its origin to the man who first told it, who “has been in trances and has never been well.” Not to dismiss this story too summarily, however, since one of the clearheaded western Chaffins said, “Our Scotch origin has always been referred to through our line,” the writer consulted three intelligent Scotchmen who tell him they never even heard of the name Chaffin in Scotland.

There is another tradition better worth noting. The author remembers that his mother used to tell him that it had always been said in the Chaffin family that they came to this country from Wales, or at least had a Welsh origin. Such family traditions frequently point to the truth and deserve consideration. Apropos of that a Tennessee Chaffin states that his line came to

this country from Ireland, but that they had previously emigrated from Wales to Ireland, and therefore were not Irish. These suggestions of a Welsh origin of our family seemed to the author to merit careful examination, which he has given to the subject, as will be seen by reference to the appendix. As the southwest of England seemed the natural habitat of the Chaffin race and was close to Wales, doubtless Chaffin families inhabited both countries.

As several Chaffin families are reported to have lived in New England before the appearance of Robert, who begins our Chaffin history, it was natural to conjecture that he was not an emigrant but sprang from one of these families. There is not, however, the least evidence that this was the case. The records regarding those early families are very meagre, uncertain and unsatisfactory. The subject has been carefully investigated by the author and his conclusions are stated in his account of the earliest New England Chaffins in the appendix. It is sufficient to say here that no Robert appears in any mention of their children. It is possible that he may have come from England with the Virginia family and be kindred to them, and have drifted to Massachusetts later, but there is no evidence to confirm any such supposition. Our first sight of him is in Concord, Mass., in 1719, when he married Abigail Davis.

#### FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

While the author is rather proud to be a Chaffin he does not claim any remarkable talents or achievements for the family. None of its members has attained any extraordinary distinction in science or literature, art or statesmanship, war or business. But, what is better, they have taken high rank for character, worthy living, and wholesome, helpful influence in the communities where they have lived. The author has personally known quite a number of its members, and has, by means of an extensive correspondence been in communication with nearly all of the adults now living, and he has never found one of them in the criminal courts or guilty of any actionable offense, but he has heard of two or three of them who deserved a good thrashing. Physically they have had the reputation of being a fine looking race. The speci-

mens known to the writer have justified this reputation. But as over seventy of their faces will look upon the reader from these pages, nothing more need be said upon this point; he can form his own opinion. Some of the families have been unusually stalwart and vigorous, over six feet in height, with broad shoulders and deep chests, capable of enduring exceptionable labor and hardship. See, for example, Orin P. Chaffin, who on a wager of fifty dollars chopped six cords and three feet of wood in nine hours and forty minutes, an astonishing feat of strength and endurance.

There are three rather marked peculiarities of the family that have impressed themselves upon the writer. One is a rather exceptional *courtesy*, a refinement of manner, a natural gentility. He has noted this peculiarity in nearly all the Chaffins he has seen. The men were gentlemen, the women ladies. And this impression has been emphasized by the spirit manifested in the extensive correspondence he has carried on with members of the family. They have borne his epistolary assaults with commendable patience and courtesy.

The men of the family have shown remarkable *enterprise*. About a century ago several of the families, dissatisfied with the limited New England opportunities, started to the then "West," which meant New York State and Ohio, and their energetic children and grandchildren pushed on and on, ever westward, settling in various western states, stopped only by the Pacific Ocean. Many of them showed exceptional business ability and made excellent successes in their various enterprises. The Chaffins have not taken much to literary callings or to artistic pursuits but have engaged extensively in farming and in business careers, a few of them, however, becoming lawyers and more of them physicians.

*Originality and independency in religious thinking* has been one of the manifest traits of the family. The rigid Calvinism of early New England, represented by Jonathan Edward's horrible sermon, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God," excited their dissent, and under the lead of Channing and Ballou quite a number of them became Unitarians and Universalists. In the West this rebellion against Calvinistic orthodoxy led many of them to join

the so-called Christian denomination, which pleaded for Christian Unity as against sectarianism, its motto, "In opinions liberty, in right living unity." Of course some of them became connected with other churches, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and one able Chaffin, provoked by what he regarded as an unjust persecution of the Mormons, joined their ranks but did not become a polygamist. Only three Chaffins in these two hundred years have become ministers of the Gospel, and one of them left the ministry for perhaps a larger field of usefulness. A political career does not seem to have attracted them. One of them, it is true, was in 1908 a candidate for the presidency of the country, and has recently been renominated for the position. This was not, however, with any political aspirations, but rather to represent the cause of party Prohibition. He shows that he is not wanting in the sense of humor by promising that he "will not run for a third term."

Reference to the earlier generations of the family will show that the family was devotedly patriotic, many of our ancestors serving in the Revolutionary War, as their descendants have done in the Civil War and Spanish War. On the whole, the Chaffins have reason to be proud of their race in this country, and they should endeavor to maintain the fine reputation the family has earned for integrity, ability and clean, wholesome and helpful living.

**ROBERT CHAFFIN AND HIS  
DESCENDANTS**



## FIRST GENERATION

### 1

The compiler of a most elaborately written genealogy of a distinguished family in England, with distinguished descendants in America, claimed for it a royal lineage, tracing it back through Saxon Kings and ancient heroes to Noah, the builder of the Ark! Why, having gone so far back, he should not have filled up the gap between Noah and Adam does not appear. The author of this Chaffin History makes no such claim of royal lineage or extreme antiquity for his family. On the contrary, after the most painstaking investigation he is obliged to confess his ignorance of the ancestry, parentage, date of birth and date of death of **ROBERT CHAFFIN**, with whom this American family begins. Robert is, in fact, "after the order of Melchisedec, without father, without mother, without descent,"\* having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." But while the exact date of birth and of death of Robert is not known, there is ground for reasonable conjecture as to the time when these important events occurred. He emerges from his obscurity and presents himself first to his descendants when he leads his bride, Abigail Davis, not to the altar, but to the lawyer's office, where Justice Minot hears their marriage vows and pronounces them "husband and wife." The date of this union is April 15, 1719, and the place the old and interesting town of Concord, Mass. Abigail was twenty years old at that date, and the probability is that Robert was a little older, and that he was, therefore, born about 1695. We can be a little more definite as to the date of his death. The inventory of his estate was ordered on Feb. 15, 1745, so that there is little doubt that he died towards the end of 1744.

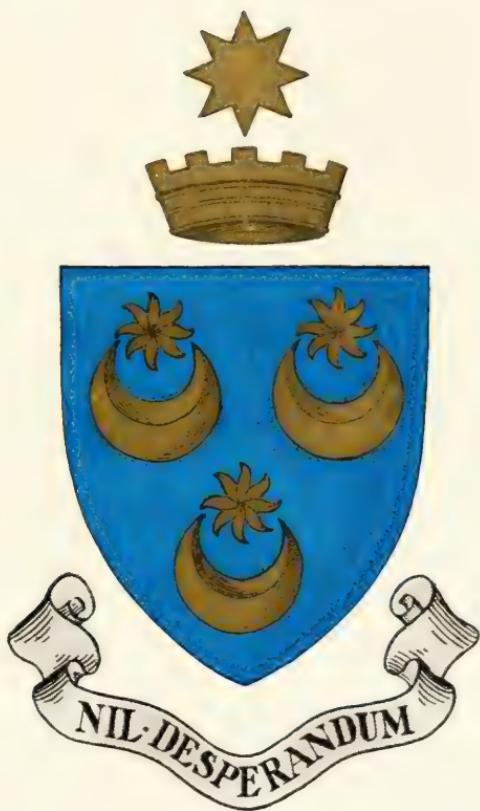
Of Abigail Davis something more definite is known. She was born in Concord, Mass., Jan. 22, 1699, dau. of Samuel and Abigail

\*The Revised Version translates this word "genealogy"; another rendering is "pedigree." For the whole passage see Hebrews, VII, 3.

(Reed) Davis, and died probably early in 1752, as on Feb. 21, 1752, two of her children, of whom she was the guardian, petitioned to have another guardian appointed and we do not hear of her after this date. The Chaffin family may congratulate themselves in thus inheriting from Abigail some share of the Davis blood, for from it have sprung three governors of Massachusetts, two members of Congress, two presidents of Harvard College, Capt. Isaac Davis killed in the Concord fight, and many others as worthy if not so well known. Hon. John Davis Long, one of the governors alluded to, has kindly furnished a sketch of the Davis family which may be found in the Appendix.

For a short time after his marriage Robert Chaffin lived in Stowe, near Concord. This appears from the statement in a deed under date of May 11, 1722, which describes the purchase by Robert from David Russell of Littleton for "sixty pounds in current money," of two parcels of land, meadow and upland, "eighty acres more or less." In this deed Robert is named as "a husbandman" living in Stowe. A few months later he is called "of Concord" in a deed dated Feb. 14, 1723, which describes another purchase of land, "in a place commonly called Nashobe within the village or new grant belonging to the town of Concord in the N. W. part of that town." This part was soon called Littleton. There Robert cleared the land, cultivated his farm and raised his family. Shortly after his death, late in 1744, his oldest son, John, was appointed administrator of the estate. In the settlement, besides what went to the widow, each child was awarded £6, 8s, 1-5d.

Reference has been made to the inventory of the estate. It included even the most trivial objects, such as a little "puter and brass." Some of these items are given here for the sake of the interesting spelling. "Wearing apperil, bed and beding, table linnen, iorn ware one pot and kittel, eartharn ware and other small Housel vessels, a tabel and chars, sider barels, iorn crows, one yoak and one draft chane, a syder press, a grinston, yearn in the Hous, an old bearn (barn), Rie in the bearn, one Hors, two swine, one acor of orcharding, six acors plow land, one steare, two yearlands, seven bearls of Syder," besides many other articles.



Chaffin



But alas! in 1746, not very long after the appraisal of the estate, the house caught fire and was consumed, "with a considerable part of the housed Goods"; and the appraisers, Peter Reed, John Powers and Abram Patch issued a statement regarding this misfortune in which they say, "We find that it amounts to fifty-seven pound six shilling it is to be understood that the charity of the people have considered there lose that there is now lost £57, 6s, 0, old tenor." What is meant by "the charity of the people have considered there lose," etc., is, to say the least, ambiguous. Children of Robert and Abigail:

- 2    i. JOHN, b. March 5, 1720; d. March 5, 1771.
- ii. MARY, b. Dec. 7, 1721; d. Aug. 23, 1758; m. abt. 1746 David Keyes, son of Moses Jr. and Susanna (Stratton) of Concord, Mass. Children born in Acton: 1. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 29, 1747. 2. *Mary*, b. June 8, 1749; d. Aug. 17, 1758. 3. *John*, b. Oct. 6, 1753; d. Aug. 17, 1758. 4. *David*, b. Nov. 29, 1754; d. Aug. 10, 1758.
- iii. ROBERT, b. Jan. 11, 1723; d. the next year.
- 3    iv. ROBERT, b. Dec. 20, 1724; d. March 13, 1775.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 3, 1727; d. March 13, 1729.
- 4    vi. ABIGAIL, b. March 13, 1729; d. the same day as her sister.
- 5    vii. FRANCIS, b. Jan. 25, 1730; d. Jan. 28, 1778.
- 6    ix. SAMUEL, b. May 3, 1732; d. Nov. 20, 1811.
- x. TIMOTHY, b. March 7, 1734; d. July 25, 1838.
- xi. PHEBE, b. March 4, 1737; m. Benjamin Mead. It was probably this family of whom we have the following interesting account. "During the Revolutionary War the old place (where Benjamin Mead and his family lived) was raided by a party of the British and Tories. Obadiah, son of Benjamin, was then quite a lad. His sisters, Anna and Phebe, who were younger, hid with their mother in the cellar of the old house as the Redcoats marched up the road, and their father and the older girls, Mary and Theodosia, barricaded the doors and windows, while obadiah, the only son, solicitous for the cattle without, drove them into the farm yard and then beat a hasty retreat to a neighbor's farm."



## SECOND GENERATION

### 2

JOHN (*Robert 1*) b. in Littleton, Mass., March 5, 1720; d. in Acton, Mass., March 5, 1771, the oldest child of the emigrant Robert and the first Chaffin of this line born in America. After the death of his father, in 1745, John lived for awhile in Littleton, where his first child was born. Inheriting part of his father's estate, he added to it by the purchase of considerable land in Acton, on the west of the town, joining Littleton. There, in 1749 or 1750, he built his house, which is still standing and is the oldest Chaffin house in the country.\* On March 25, 1747, he m. Ellin Barrett (probate records call her Eleanor), b. in Littleton, June 17, 1723; d. in Hancock, N. H., Jan. 2, 1815. In the final settlement of John Chaffin's estate, the oldest son, Jonathan, was awarded two-thirds of the real estate, and the widow one-third, Jonathan to pay for the support of the other children and their mother; the whole estate valued at £322. Children of John and Ellin (Eleanor):

- i. ELLIN, b. in Littleton, May 24, 1749; m. 1st, Oct. 23, 1770, Jacob Gilbert. He must have died soon, because at the time of the settlement of her father's estate, not very long after his death in 1771, she is called in the probate records "the oldest daughter, Eleanor Matthews," the wife of Paul Matthews. But in 1803 she is again a widow and (int.) Oct. 7, 1803, she m. 3d G. David Poor and in legal papers she is "Elinor Poor of Winchendon, the wife of David Poor." She was in W. as late as July, 1820, and signs herself Ellin.
- 7      ii. JONATHAN, b. in Acton, Oct. 12, 1754; d. May 23, 1819, in Acton.
- 8      iii. DAVID, b. in Acton, July 18, 1757; d. Aug. 31, 1828, in Middlebury, Vt.

\*For a picture of this house and an account of the modes of life in the olden time compared with our modern way of living, see the Appendix.

9    iv. **STEPHEN**, b. in Acton, Dec. 31, 1759; d. July 12, 1825, in Acton.

v. **MARY**, b. in Acton, Oct. 26, 1762; d. March 7, 1829, in Hancock, N. H.; m. Jan. 7, 1783, Amos Tenney of Littleton, Mass., b. Nov. 23, 1761. Their children: 1. *Amos*, b. Oct. 19, 1783, in Acton; m. Jan. 31, 1805, Olive Gilbert. 2. *Samuel*, b. July 19, 1785, in Acton. 3. *Stephen*, b. in Hancock, N. H., May 31, 1787; m. Lucy — and had *Stillman* and *Morinda*. 4. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 8, 1789, in Hancock, as the later children were. 5. *Ellen*, b. May 21, 1791. 6. *Joel*, b. June 26, 1793. 7. *John*, b. May 2, 1795; m. Sally — and had *Irene*, *Lydia Ann*, *Cyrus F.*, *Rebecca M.*, *Sylvester*, *James C.*, *Charles O.*, *John L.* and *Sarah E.* 8. *Polly*, b. July 4, 1797. 9 and 10. *A. Chamberlain* and *Sally Tyler*, b. May 21, 1799; d. July 28, 1800. 11. *Sally*, b. Aug. 7, 1801; m. July 6, 1824, Benj. A. Billings of Dublin, N. H.

Five years after the death of her husband, Ellen (int.), Aug. 11, 1776, m. Samuel Tenney. He was b. in Bedford, Mass., May 24, 1725. He m. 1st Sarah Tyler, who was b. April 19, 1724, and d. April 6, 1766. He resided in Hancock the latter part of his life and died there, Feb. 11, 1795. His widow Ellen's remains lie beside his own, but she survived him twenty-five years, living with her daughter, Mary, to the good old age of ninety-two years.

## 3

**ROBERT** (*Robert 1*) b. in Littleton, Mass., Dec. 20, 1724; d. March 13, 1775; settled in Acton before 1749 near the Littleton line. He did some farming as most of the early settlers in the country did, but he had learned and practiced the trade of carpenter, or "house-wright," as the old records called it. He m. in 1748 Hannah Powers of Littleton, b. Jan. 6, 1730; d. Sept. 11, 1810; dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Whitcomb). She m. 2d, Shippie Townsend of Boston, an author. Children, b. in Acton:

i. **HANNAH**, b. March 28, 1750; m. Aaron Blodgett. They had two sons, *Aaron* and *Eber*. After their birth the parents joined the Shakers of Lebanon, N. H. The sons, when they became of age, left the Shakers. Eber

settled in Bennington, Vt., and became a justice of the peace. Aaron settled in Starksboro, Vt., married and had *Lucy*, b. Sept. 30, 1803; *Eleazer*, b. Aug. 14, 1805; and *Eber*, b. Sept. 25, 1807. Eleazer m., Oct. 13, 1831, Unice Thompson. Hannah, his mother, lived with him in her old age and died there.

- 10 ii. **ROBERT**, b. July 8, 1752; d. Sept. 7, 1828.
- 11 iii. **JOSEPH**, b. Sept. 30, 1753; d. June 25, 1836.
- 12 iv. **ELIAS**, b. Dec. 30, 1754; d. Feb. 22, 1832.
- v. **SUSANNA**, b. Feb. 19, 1757; d. June 21, 1851, 94 years old, at her daughter's in Athol. She m. Feb. 25, 1779, **Ezekiel Davis**, b. 1752; d. 1820. They had at least one daughter who lived in Athol, Mass. Susanna, after her husband's death, m. 2d **William Twitchell** of Boston.
- 13 vi. **EPHRAIM**, b. Sept. 24, 1760; d. in Jefferson Co., N. Y.
- vii. **LUCY**, b. April 18, 1762; m. June 22, 1784, **Elnathan Darby** of Harvard, a Continental soldier in Capt. **Joshua Brown's Co.**
- 14 viii. **SIMON**, b. Sept. 27, 1764; d. Aug. 8, 1837.
- 15 ix. **PETER**, b. abt. 1766; d. in Lorraine after 1818.
- 16 x. **GLADWIN**, b. Nov. 20, 1768; d. Feb. 10, 1813, in Harvard, Mass.
- xi. **BETTY**, b. Nov. 14, 1771; d. before May, 1776.
- xii **SIBIL**, b. Nov. 14, 1771; m. in Boston, Aug. 23, 1795, **James Ross** of Concord. Children: 1. *Sophia*, b. July 3, 1796. 2. *James*, b. Feb. 1, 1798. 3. *Ann Maria*, b. Sept. 6, 1800. 4. *John*, b. Feb. 17, 1802. 5. *Elbridge*, b. Jan. 24, 1804. 6. *Eliza*, b. June 12, 1805.

## 4

**FRANCIS** (*Robert* 1) b. in Littleton, Mass., Jan. 25, 1730; d. at Valley Forge, Jan. 28, 1778. His father d. before he was sixteen years old and at 18 years of age, with the consent of his guardian, **Henry Hale**, he was bound out to his brother **John**, "a housewright," for 3 years or until he should come of age. He lived in Acton, a farmer. He was on the list of men, April 22, 1757, in Capt. **Samuel Davis**' Acton Military Company, and possibly saw service in the French and Indian War, but no record of it appears. He was a Revolutionary soldier, a private in Capt. **Asahel Wheeler's Co.**, Col. **John Robinson's regt.**; marched Feb. 4, 1776; ser-

vice 1 mo., 28 days. Also corporal, Capt. Joshua Brown's Co., Col. Timothy Bigelow's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from April 26, 1777, to Jan. 28, 1778, at which date he died at Valley Forge; in one account reported to have died of smallpox. Francis m., April 20, 1756, Rebecca Cummings of Littleton. Children, born in Acton:

- i. FRANCIS, b. Feb. 21, 1757, of whom, apart from his Revolutionary record, not much is known. He was, however, living in Boxborough as late as 1793. Apparently he was a town charge there at that date, since the following occurs on the Boxborough town records: "May 8, 1793, One order to Bennett Wood for Ephraim Turner and Francis Chaffin—Rate that they was offered in said wood rate left and abated by the town, one pound 17, 6." It is not unlikely that he was disabled in his military service in the Revolutionary War, which was as follows: "Marched from Acton to Roxbury March 4, 1776; service 4 days; also, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's regt.; pay abstract for wages and travel allowance on march to and from Dorchester Heights; warrant allowed in Council, Nov. 30, 1776; also return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. Simon Hunt's Co., Col. Eleazer Brooks' regt., dated Sept. 5, 1777; residence Acton; enlisted for the town of Acton; joined Capt. Munrow's Co., Col. Bigelow's regt.; enlistment 3 years or during war; also, muster roll for Jan.-Aug., 1777, dated Van Shaick's Island; enlisted April 26, 1777; enlistment 3 years; reported attending the sick at Sharon." The military service of Francis Chaffin, father and son, is reported in the same paragraph in the "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the war of the Revolution," and there may be some doubt as to which Francis several of the items belong to. But both enlisted for 3 years, and the father died Jan. 28, 1778.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. July 6, 1759; m. 1782, John Whitcomb, b. in Leominster, Mass., May 20, 1759; d. in Easton, N. H., in 1813. He was a Revolutionary soldier and settled after his marriage on Lot 7, Sixth Range, in Lisbon, N. H. After 1794 he removed to Canada, but after awhile returned and lived in Easton, a town next to Lisbon. Children, b. in Lisbon: 1. *John*, b. Jan. 7,

1783. 2. *Francis*, b. Jan. 28, 1786. 3. *Samuel*, b. June 1, 1788. 4. *Abigail*, b. Dec. 7, 1791. 5. *Benjamin* and 6. *Josiah*, twins, b. May 1, 1794.

iii. **SAMUEL**, b. May 28, 1761.

17 iv. **DANIEL**, b. Nov. 9, 1763. The following family tradition deserves noting even if unsupported by evidence. "Reuben Chaffin had two brothers who were shipping cattle at the time of the Revolutionary War. When they were robbed of their cattle they joined the navy under Paul Jones; were captured by the English, taken to Calcutta and were killed or died in prison, the Black Hole Prison. One of these was named Daniel; both enlisted from New Hampshire." The other brother was Samuel. It is a pity to spoil so good a story, but it will be remembered that the English did not capture Paul Jones' sailors, for they always got whipped when they tackled Paul Jones. More than that the Black Hole in Calcutta tragedy occurred several years before Samuel and Daniel Chaffin were born, that is in 1756. There is some reason to believe that Samuel was living somewhere in Cheshire Co., N. H., in 1790, for at that time the U. S. Census has the following: "Samuel Chaffin family: One male over sixteen; one male under sixteen and five females." Now as all the other Samuel Chaffins can be otherwise accounted for this Samuel is probably the one noted in the census above, and shows him with a family of seven, including himself.

18 v. **REUBEN**, b. July 14, 1766; d. in Scioto Co., Ohio, 1807.

vi. **REBECCA**, b. April 30, 1768.

vii. **ELIZABETH**, b. June 17, 1722.

**SAMUEL** (*Robert* 1) b. in Littleton, Mass., May 3, 1732; d. in Holden, Nov. 20, 1811. He had a noteworthy record in the French and Indian War, seeing some very hard service. He enlisted first Sept. 15, 1755, and served until Dec. 16, 13 weeks and 2 days—and allowed for 14 days' travel from Albany to Charlestown.

He was later a private in Capt. Thomas Cheever's Co., in the expedition against Crown Point; marched to Lake George, and continued in service until the army disbanded. He was taken sick at Fort Edward, and had to hire a horse and man to bring him home,

and had the cost of nursing; petitioned the Governor and House of Representatives for an allowance, and on Feb. 24, 1756, was given £6, 14s, 4d. On his journey home, when he reached Sheffield, his father, Robert Chaffin, met him, and nursed him for six weeks, for which he charged £2, 13, 4, which is included in the above bill.

Samuel was on the muster roll as sergeant in Capt. Seth Blodgett's Co., Col. Wm. Battle's regt., and marched for the relief of Fort William Henry, Aug. 16, 1757; marched from Lexington to Springfield, 165 miles, time 12 days.

Samuel was also a Revolutionary soldier. Retaining the rank of sergeant, which he earned in the F. and I. War by honorable service, he enlisted on the first opportunity, serving in Maj. Paul Raymond's Co. in the First Worcester regt.; marching "on the alarm" to Cambridge, April 19, 1775; service 8½ days.

Later, although over fifty-nine years old, he enlisted Aug. 9, 1781, in Capt. Jonathan Sibley's Co., Col. Luke Drury's regt., serving as sergeant. He arrived in camp Aug. 22, and was discharged Nov. 21, 1781, service 3 mos., 23 days, travel included —residence Rutland, Mass., for which town he enlisted for three years.

Samuel was a cooper by trade and he lived in Holden, Mass., where his first four children were born, and afterwards he lived in Rutland, the home of his second wife. He m. 1st, Jan. 3, 1760, Sarah Hubbard, b. April 25, 1740; d. Sept. 28, 1767; dau. of Samuel and Eunice (Woodward) of Needham. Children:

- 19 i. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 1, 1760; d. abt. 1838 in Wardsboro, Vt.
- 20 ii. TILLA, b. May 14, 1762; d. Sept. 1, 1838.
- 21 iii. NATHAN, b. 1764; d. Oct. 16, 1847.
- 22 iv. JOEL, b. Jan. 13, 1766; d. April 2, 1829.

Samuel m. 2d, Mrs. Lucy (Darby) Ball, Dec. 28, 1768. She was the widow of Eleazer Ball, who d. April 13, 1766. She was b. March 9, 1737; d. Feb. 14, 1822. Children:

- v. SARAH, b. Sept. 8, 1769; m. Oct. 3, 1801, Nahum Fisk, b. May 11, 1762; d. Oct. 26, 1803; son of Bezaleel and Rebecca (Rand).
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. 1770; d. July 8, 1823; m. April 18, 1792, Jedediah Estabrook. They lived in Rutland, where

they had 1. *Artemas*, b. Dec. 14, 1792; m. Feb. 8, 1818, Esther Marble, and d. April 29, 1870. 2. *George*, b. Aug. 26, 1795; m. Dec. 2, 1819, Eliza Reed. He was a physician and d. Feb. 18, 1846. 3. *Charles*, b. June 20, 1796; d. Feb. 27, 1889. He m. Nancy Willoughby. 4. *Warren*, b. April 18, 1798; d. April 16, 1857; m. Sarah Reid. 5. *Francis Chaffin*, b. Feb. 25, 1800; d. Jan. 9, 1851; m. Caroline Miller (int.), Sept. 23, 1837. 6. *Jedediah*, b. July 8, 1805; d. June 15, 1884, m. Elizabeth Cook. 7. *Elizabeth Maria*, b. Sept. 15, 1807; d. Nov. 24, 1841; m. 1st, Oct. 15, 1827, John Read 2d, who d. Apr. 2, 1835, and she m. 2d, July 10, 1840, John Garner. 8. *Persis Louisa*, b. May 4, 1810; d. May 30, 1845; m. Joel Holden.

vii. *LUCY*, b. April 8, 1772; m. Aug. 30, 1792, Jeduthan Eaton.

23 viii. *JOHN*, b. July 1, 1774; d. July 27, 1854.

24 ix. *JONAS*, b. July 29, 1776; d. Sept. 24, 1847.

## 6

TIMOTHY (*Robert* 1) b. in Littleton, Mass., March 7, 1734; d. July 25, 1838. He lived in Holden, Mass., at least for five years after his marriage, where three or four children were born. He was in Ashburnham, Mass., as early as 1771, and sometime later he appears to have gone to Claremont, N. H. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War as well as in the Revolutionary War. In 1754 he was in Capt. Phineas Osgood's Company of Col. John Winslow's regt. from May 31 to Sept. 13, 3 mo., 3 w. and 1 d., and is called a "Centinel." This was "for the defense of the Eastern frontiers." For this service he was paid a bounty. (See Mass. Archives, vol. 93, p. 139.) He was also, April 22, 1757, on the muster roll of Capt. Samuel Davis' Company of Acton (Ibid, vol. 95, p. 321).

In the Revolutionary War he was a private in Capt. William Thurlo's Co., and on Aug. 22, 1777, under the command of Maj. Ebenezer Bridge, he marched "on an alarm" to Bennington, Vt., 90 miles, and 9 days' service.

On May 21, 1760 (int.), he m. Sarah Forbush of Acton, Mass., dau. of David and Ruth; b. in Marlboro, June 15, 1738. Children:

25 i. DAVID, b. in Holden, Mass., Oct. 7, 1761; d. July 25, 1838, in Claremont, N. H.  
ii. LUCY, b. in Holden, March 4, 1763; m. Feb. 26, 1784, Roswell Stevens of Claremont, N. H.

26 iii. LEVI, b. in Holden, May 24, 1765; d. March 16, 1812, in Claremont.  
iv. MOLLY, b. 1769; d. May 25, 1776.  
v. MERRIAM (a son), b. in Ashburnham, Feb. 28, 1771.  
vi. TIMOTHY, b. in Ashburnham, April 22, 1773; m. in Millbury, Mass., Dec. 8, 1796, Betsy Robinson. As early as 1805 he was of Claremont, N. H.

27 vii. JOHN, b. in Ashburnham, Aug. 19, 1776; d. Feb. 6, 1852, in Buckfield, Me.  
viii. SARAH, b. in Ashburnham, Nov. 18, 1778; m. a Howard and lived in Bridgeton, Me. Careful inquiry results in no further information.  
ix. PHEBE, of whom and of her sister, Frances, nothing is known.  
x. FRANCES.

### THIRD GENERATION

7

JONATHAN (*John 2*) b. in Acton, Mass., Oct. 12, 1754; d. May 23, 1819. He lived in the house his father built in 1750 in Acton. He was a Revolutionary soldier; a private in Capt. Simon Hunt's Acton Co., Col. Eleazer Brooks' regt. The company was called out March 4, 1776, to fortify Dorchester Heights; service 6 days. The same co. and regt. enlisted Nov. 3, 1777, service to April 3, 1778, five months at Cambridge. He married Sarah Derby, b. 1754; d. Feb. 20, 1837. Children, born in Acton:

28 i. JOHN, b. Oct. 16, 1779; d. Dec. 15, 1847.  
ii. NANCY, b. April 24, 1781; m. Feb. 7, 1804, John Robbins of Mason, N. H. Very little is known of this family, but a dau., *Martha Robbins*, was in Lowell, Mass., in 1842. John evidently died before 1839, as at that date Nancy is the wife of Abraham Sanborn, and they lived in Lower Canada.

29 iii. NATHAN, b. Nov. 14, 1782; d. Aug. 21, 1823, in Skowhegan, Me.  
iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 25, 1784; d. Feb. 12, 1869; m. July 19, 1808, John Tarbell of Bolton, Mass. John died sometime before 1826 and Sally m. Abel Bruce afterward, and they lived in Fitchburg, Mass. They had a son, *Abel*, b. and d. July 22, 1827, and a dau., *Emma*, b. March 10, 1829, and m. Aug. 21, 1847, Charles S. Farrar. Abel, the father, d. July 25, 1869.  
v. LUCY, b. May 3, 1785; d. Aug. 25, 1834; m. June 11, 1812, William Reed of Acton, b. July 31, 1781; d. Dec. 14, 1864. Children: 1. *Lucy*, b. May 3, 1813; m. Joseph D. Brown, and d. March 24, 1886. 2. *Sarah C.*, b. May 12, 1815; m. William Brown, Oct. 24, 1835, and d. May, 1886. 3. *Harriet*, b. March 12, 1818; m. Feb. 26, 1843, Calvin Harris, and d. May 23, 1848. 4. *Mary*, b. March 16, 1821; m. Sept. 11, 1842, Jesse Despeaux, and d. 1908. 5. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 20, 1822;

m. April 5, 1846, Lucetta M. Avery, and d. Aug. 26, 1889.

30 vi. **JONATHAN**, b. April 26, 1789; d. May 18, 1861.

Besides the above named children there were two others according to the church records. That the town records do not have their births and deaths is probably because they died in infancy. They were **SARAH**, baptized April 12, 1778, and **LYDIA**, bap. March 16, 1778.

## 8

**DAVID** (*John 2*) b. in Acton, Mass., July 18, 1757; d. in Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 31, 1828. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He enlisted as private in Capt. David Wheeler's Co., Col. Nixon's regt., Jan. 15, 1776; also in Capt. Simon Hunt's Acton Co., Col. Eleazer Brook's regt.; co. called out March 4, 1776, to fortify Dorchester Heights, service 6 days.

He was also a private in Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Samuel Bullard's regt.; enlisted Sept. 6, 1777, discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service 3 months and 4 days, travel included; marched to Saratoga. Roll dated in Littleton, Mass.

He was also on a list of men enlisted from Middlesex county for the term of 9 months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, June 19, 1778, Capt. Hunt's Co., Col. Brooks' regt.; age 21 years, stature 5 feet, 11 inches; residence Acton; engaged for the town of Acton.

David lived first in Acton, but finally moved to Vermont and died in Middlebury, where he found a home with his daughter Sally. He m., Nov. 22, 1780, Betty Chamberlain, b. in Westford, Mass., April 8, 1758; d. in Pepperell, Mass., July 30, 1812. Children, all born in Acton, Mass.:

31 i. **LEONARD**, b. Dec. 21, 1781; d. May 30, 1859.

ii. **SALLY**, b. Jan. 27, 1783; d. July 30, 1836, in Middlebury, Vt.; m. Silas Piper of Weston, Vt. They had 1. *Silas*, b. April 1, 1803; m. July 4, 1840, Mary C. Goodnow, and had *Mary Jane*, b. May 4, 1841, and *Edgar*, b. June 16, 1843. 2. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 2, 1804; m. 1st, William Baxter of Cornwall, Vt., and had *Sarah Lorinda*, b. April 1, 1843; d. Nov. 2, 1846. Mr. Baxter d. Nov. 12, 1852, and she m. 2d David F. Lewis.

3. *Elizabeth Betsey*, b. Nov. 23, 1806; d. March 6, 1808. 4. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 2, 1808; d. Dec. 16, 1832. 5. *David*, b. April 30, 1810; m. Feb. 5, 1849, Abby Fuller, and had Arthur David, b. Feb. 10, 1851; d. Aug. 23, 1851. 6. *Lorinda*, b. March 29, 1812, in Hancock, N. H.; d. April 10, 1840; m. Almon Pinney of Middlebury, Vt. 7. *Eliza*, b. Nov. 23, 1813; m. Feb. 13, 1840, Horace A. Pinney and had James Dean, b. Jan. 9, 1841; d. March 19, 1850, in Cornwall, Vt. Silas Alman, b. Dec. 12, 1843, Mary Emma, b. Sept. 11, 1847. Martin Edward, b. May 12, 1851. 8. *Mary*, b. April 29, 1816; m. March 1, 1848, Martin S. Wheeler of Cornwall, Vt. 9. *Emily*, b. March 26, 1818; d. May 27, 1819, at Waybridge, Vt. 10. *James Monroe*, b. Oct. 16, 1821; m. March 1, 1848, Lenora B. Sherwood, and had Charles Alfonso, b. Aug. 20, 1850, and Ellen Lenora, b. July 25, 1856.

32 iii. **SAMUEL**, b. July 16, 1784; d. Nov. 5, 1826, suddenly in Weston, Vt.

33 iv. **JOEL MATTHEWS**, b. March 17, 1786; d. Sept. 28, 1818, in Canandaigua, N. Y.

34 v. **DAVID**, b. Aug. 27, 1788; d. May 11, 1857.

vi. **ELIZABETH**, b. Feb. 11, 1791; m. Jan. 15, 1811, at Pepperell, Mass., Aaron Wheeler, b. in Acton, May 19, 1785; d. in Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 26, 1812. She m. 2d, May 14, 1840, Silas Piper of Middlebury, Vt., his 2d wife, his first being Sally, the sister of Elizabeth.

vii. **JOSEPH**, b. March 19, 1794; d. July 14, 1795.

**STEPHEN** (*John 2*) b. in Acton, Dec. 31, 1759; d. July 12, 1825. He was called in probate records and deeds both a "laborer" and a "husbandman" and he lived and died in Acton.

He had a good record as a Revolutionary soldier. He was one of a list of men, Aug. 14, 1777, drafted from Capt. Simon Hunt's company, to which he belonged, to reinforce the Continental Army, and ordered to be in readiness to march. He was also one of the men detached to serve nine months in the Continental Army, and reported at Springfield, July 19, 1779, in Capt. Hunt's Co., Col. Faulkner's regt. He is described as six feet in stature and of dark

complexion. On May 17, 1782, he was paid a bounty, and was of "Class No. 2" of the town of Acton, to serve in the Continental Army for the term of three years.

He m. June 2, 1786, Miriam Hayward, dau. of John and Miriam, b. Feb. 8, 1766; d. before 1825. Middlesex Co. probate records have a statement under date of Sept. 6, 1825, that Stephen died and "Left no widow or heirs." This statement greatly embarrassed the compiler of this genealogy, who had reason to believe that Stephen and Miriam left at least a son and namesake, Stephen, who settled in Maine. The matter was at last explained by H. F. Tuttle, town clerk of Acton, who, in looking over Acton church records, found the following, a record of baptism:

" May 4, 1794, STEPHEN

BETSEY	}	4 children of Stephen and Miriam Chaffin,
RUTH HAYWARD		
JOHN		

also, Oct. 2, 1803, record of baptism of MIRIAM, dau. of Stephen and Miriam Chaffin."

The children named above are undoubtedly in the order of their births—the first one, Stephen, being born in less than two years after his parents' marriage. What became of the son, Stephen, will appear farther on, but of the other children we know nothing. They may have died young, as in 1825 probate records pronounce them non-existent. But we are sure of the following record:

35 i. STEPHEN, b. 1788; d. May 26, 1851, in Hampden, Me.

## 10

ROBERT (*Robert 3*), b. July 8, 1752; d. in Acton, Mass., Sept. 7, 1828. His home was in Acton, near the Littleton line, in the house built by his father. He was a carpenter by trade. Like many other Chaffins he was a Revolutionary patriot. About 1775 he was an officer in the East Company of Acton. He enlisted Nov. 3, 1777, in Capt. Simon Hunt's company of Col. Eleazar Brooks' regiment and served to April 3, 1778, at Cambridge, in a company detached from the militia. He was a Universalist.

Rev. Hosea Ballou preached the first Universalist sermon in Acton in Robert's house. He m., Nov. 19, 1777, getting a few days' furlough for the purpose, Hannah Tenney of Littleton, b. July 4, 1756; d. Jan. 22, 1850. Children, born in Acton:

36 i. **ASAPH**, b. Sept. 10, 1778; d. Dec. 17, 1839.

ii. **SARAH**, b. Jan. 19, 1781; d. Feb. 25, 1868; m. Mar. 10, 1807, Silas Newton of Marlboro, N. H., b. Sept. 3, 1779; d. 1833. Children: 1. *Silas Franklin*, b. Mar. 28, 1808; d. unm. abt. 1831. 2. *Julia Ann*, b. Apr. 23, 1809; d. unm. in Lowell, Mass., 1840. 3. *Harriet*, b. Oct. 10, 1810; m. Capt. John H. Fuller and d. 1860. 4. *Gilman*, b. Sept. 25, 1812; went West and was lost to sight. 5. *Alvin H.*, b. Dec. 26, 1814; d. 1836 in Lowell. 6. *Charles Addison*, b. Mar. 9, 1817; d. 1835 in Westminster, Vt. 7. *Sarah Chaffin*, b. Feb. 2, 1819; d. in Lowell, 1835. 8. *Alonzo Elliot*, b. Feb. 23, 1821; m. 1845, Sarah J. Emory. He was a printer and journalist, held a clerkship in Washington, D. C., served the municipal govt. for two years, organized public colored schools, and finally resigned because of ill health. 9. *Henry L.*, b. Mar. 21, 1823; a printer in Lowell and d. there 1856.

iii. **BETSEY**, b. Apr. 2, 1784; d. Mar. 10, 1851; m. July 1, 1810, Thomas Peak of Lexington, b. Dec. 9, 1784, d. June 6, 1844. Children: 1. *Elizabeth Julia*, b. May 29, 1811; m. Dec. 9, 1834, John B. Hurd, and had J. B., a dau., b. Feb. 2, 1836, and d. Feb. 12; Frances M., b. May 7, 1837; m. John Varnum of Peacham, Vt., and had children: Reuben H., b. Mar. 30, 1839; Harriet, b. June 25, 1842, d. Oct. 17; Nathan T., b. Nov. 23, 1843, d. Oct. 17, 1846; Bennett J., b. Apr. 8, 1845, d. Apr., 1863; Electa H., b. Jan. 6, 1848, d. Apr. 19; Caroline A., b. Mar. 23, 1849; Aurilla H., b. Aug. 30, 1851; Juliet E., b. Aug. 27, 1858. 2. Thomas and Betsey's second child was *Thomas Jackson*, b. Sept. 9, 1813. 3. Third child, *Joseph*, b. Sept. 25, 1817.

iv. **RHODA**, b. May 17, 1785, and d. very young.

v. **HANNAH**, b. Nov. 1, 1787; d. Oct. 22, 1882, 95 years old. She m. Jan. 28, 1808, Charles Hendley, Jr., of Acton. They lived in Boxborough until 1829, joining the Universalist Church there in 1818, in which they were prominent members. They then lived in Littleton until

1834, and afterwards for awhile in Boston, but claimed residence in Acton. Their children were: 1. *Harriet*, b. June 30, 1808; d. Nov. 19, 1814. 2. *Infant*, b. and d. Oct. 4, 1809. 3. *Eliza Ann*, b. Dec. 30, 1810; d. Oct. 20, 1867; m. Calvin Dean and had Hannah Sophia, b. 1837 or 38; d. Dec. 6, 1810. Charles Hendley, b. Mar. 6, 1839; and Caroline Eliza, b. Mar. 16, 1841. 4. *Hannah Sophia*, b. Dec. 27, 1812; d. July, 1834. 5. *Charles Lyman*, b. Apr. 14, 1815; d. June 17, 1901; m. 1st, Susan E. Daniels and had Susan Elizabeth, who m. William Prouty and had Mary and Harriet; and Ellen Augusta, who m. Byron Phelps and had Anna Frances, Harrie and Ida. Charles Lyman m. 2d, Sept. 4, 1849, Mary Ann Chesley, b. Feb. 17, 1828; dau. of William and Louisa J. (Chesley), and they had William Chesley, b. Aug. 18, 1850; m. Aug. 20, 1890, Jennie Reifel and had Mary P., b. Nov. 13, 1892; Mary Louise, b. Aug. 2, 1854, m. Curtin J. Wright, Aug. 14, 1872, and had Charles H., b. Jan. 15, 1877, d. Jan. 17, 1886, and Nellie K. Louise, b. Nov. 18, 1882, m. Nov. 28, 1904, Wm. J. McQuaid; Charles Eugene, b. Sept. 14, —; m. Phila Barnes and had Myrtie Barnes, b. Jan. 4, 1891; Jennie Ermina, b. Mar. 12, —, d. 1871; Carrie Belle, b. Jan. 13, 1866; m. Dec. 25, 1889, Daniel J. Crimmins at Camden, N. Y., and had John David, b. Apr. 3, 1891; Charles Hendley, b. Apr. 6, 1893; Mary Chesley, b. Apr. 25, 1896. 6. *James Morgan*, b. Nov. 10, 1816; d. Dec. 28, 1889; m. Sarah Cobb and had Adelaide Louisa, b. Nov. 10, 1842. 7. *Harriet Maria*, b. Sept. 16, 1818; still living with her daughter, Mrs. Wolcott, at Melrose, Mass., 94 years old. She m. Apr. 5, 1838, Nathaniel Adams, b. Jan. 24, 1812; d. Jan. 12, 1880, and had Hannah Maria, b. Mar. 28, 1840, m. Aaron F. Wolcott, d. Dec. 11, 1907; Mary Crocker, b. Nov. 2, 1843, d. Feb. 3, 1869. 8. *Aaron Chaffin*, b. Sept. 26, 1820; d. Dec. 26, 1883; m. Harriet Watkins and had George, Albert and Frank. 9. *Marshall Elbridge*, b. Feb. 6, 1822, and d. Feb. 22. 10. *Caroline Eustis*, b. July 6, 1824; d. Mar. 26, 1852; m. Sept. 9, 1849, James M. Jacobs in Boston and had Frances Aurelia, b. Nov. 25, 1851; m. in Boston, Frederick O. Mendum, d. July 29, 1880. 11. *Thomas Bailey*, b. Nov. 28, 1825; d. 1889; m. Margaret Young,



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CHARLES LYMAN HENDLEY



and had Frederick. 12. *Albert Everett*, b. Jan. 8, 1829; d. Jan., 1836.

vi. AARON, b. Oct. 3, 1791; d. Jan. 27, 1868; m. Apr. 2, 1815, Betsy Proctor of Acton, b. June 27, 1792; d. Apr. 13, 1880; no children.

37 vii. ROBERT, b. Feb. 21, 1797; d. Dec. 16, 1887.

## 11

JOSEPH (*Robert 3*) b. Sept. 30, 1753, in Acton, Mass.; d. June 25, 1836. He marched in Capt. Isaac Davis' Co. "on the alarm," April 19, 1775, service of 5 days; "joined in the pursuit of the British from Lexington." Later served 3 mos. and 15 days, and at two other times the same year "reported on command as a carpenter"; also marched from Acton to Roxbury, March 4, 1776, service of 6 days; also in Capt. John Buttrick's Co. of Volunteers, Col. Reed's regt.; enl. Sept. 28, 1777, discharged Nov. 7, 1777; service 1 mo., 11 days, at the taking of Gen. Burgoyne—with Gen. Gates "at the northward."

He was a carpenter in Acton and lived on the Jonathan Wheeler place in that town, on the road from Acton to Carlisle. In 1793 on a deed he was called a "cooper."

He m. 1st, Nov. 9, 1784, Hepsibah Davis of Acton, b. May 29, 1752; d. July 28, 1826; dau. of John and Sarah. Children:

- i. HEPHY, b. Mch. 13, 1786; d. Dec. 22, 1805.
- ii. JONAS, b. June 16, 1793; d. about 1807.

Joseph m. 2d, Dec. 10, 1826, Hannah Wheeler of Acton; d. Sept. 2, 1831.

## 12

ELIAS (*Robert 3*), b. in Acton, Mass., Dec. 30, 1754; d. Feb. 22, 1832. He moved to Harvard, Mass., but not until after his return from Revolutionary military service. He was a private in Capt. Israel Heald's Co., Col. Eleazer Brooks' regt.; marched from Acton to Roxbury, March 4, 1776; service six days; also on list of men dated Acton, Aug. 14, 1777, drafted from Capt. Simon Hunt's Co. to reinforce the Continental Army, and ordered to be in readiness to march. He m., Oct. 20, 1785, Hannah Stone of Groton. Children:

- i. MIRANDA, b. abt. 1786, and m. ——— Lemon of Gardner,  
and diligent search discovers nothing more of them.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1788, and grew up but d. unm.

Elias' wife, Hannah, d. in Harvard, Oct. 6, 1790, and he m. 2d, Mrs. Sarah (Billings) Davis, the widow of Josiah Davis. She was the dau. of Lieut. Jonathan and Dorothy Billings, b. Apr. 24, 1755, and m. Josiah Davis, Sept. 17, 1782. She d. Nov. 14, 1826, in Acton. She was living on "the Hagar place" in Acton and Elias lived there with her after their marriage. He lived there many years.

## 13

EPHRAIM (*Robert 3*), b. in Acton, Mass., Sept. 24, 1760, where he lived the first part of his adult life. He was a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting when he was but seventeen years old, Sept. 24, 1777, a private in Col. John Buttrick's Co. of Volunteers in Col. Reed's regt.; discharged Nov. 7, 1777, service 1 mo. and 11 days, at the taking of Gen. Burgoyne. This co. was detached from Col. Brooks' regt. to reinforce the army of Gen. Gates at the northward. By the census of 1790 he is seen to be living in Cheshire Co., N. H., in Chesterfield. He lived there until 1804, when he sold out and located in Alexandria, Jefferson Co., N. Y., following his brother, Peter, who had settled in Lorraine in that county. He married in Harvard, Mass., May 3, 1786, Sarah Hill, b. March 19, 1766, dau. of Samuel and Sarah. He evidently moved from Harvard, where he lived awhile after his marriage, to Chesterfield, N. H., about 1790, where he had land granted because of Revolutionary service. Children:

- i. JAMES, b. Apr. 21, 1787; lived in Alexandria, N. Y.
- ii. SALLY, b. Sept. 14, 1789. While the family were fording a stream swollen by rains she was swept away by the current and drowned.
- iii. BRADLEY, b. abt. 1792, and as late as 1841 was in Alexandria, N. Y., as was his brother James. They probably died soon afterwards or moved further west, as they are no more heard of and do not appear in probate records.
- 38 iv. LEVI HILL, b. in Chesterfield, N. H., May 11, 1797; d. Jan. 31, 1881, in Shiawasse Co., Mich.

v. JOEL, b. abt. 1800 in Chesterfield, Mass., and was taken by his father to Alexandria, Jefferson Co., N. Y. In 1828, after marrying Lucy Ely, he went with his brother Levi to Michigan. They separated at Detroit, he going to southern Michigan, and nothing more has been learned of him.

vi. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1804 in Chesterfield. She m. Nov. 7, 1861, Levi Wetherbee—a pretty old bride!

## 14

SIMON (*Robert 3*) b. Sept. 27, 1764, in Acton, Mass.; d. Aug. 8, 1837, in East Union Township, Ohio. He m., March 7, 1786, Mercy Sanderson of Littleton. She was born Feb. 3, 1768, and d. Jan. 13, 1854; dau. of Moses and Mary (Flagg). Simon was a blacksmith. His shop was in front of where the Acton Monument stands. He dug the well at the town pump. On Aug. 9, 1804, he bought 75 acres of land in Union, Maine, and with his wife and four children he took up his residence there, remaining until late in 1811, when he started for the West with his family, selling his 75 acres of land in Union on Sept. 11, 1811. Three other children were born in Union. Starting for a new home among strangers he thought it important to take with him a certificate of good character, as appears from the following, which was found among his old papers:

“Union, state of Maine, Sept. 18, 1811. This may certify that Mr. Simon Chaffin has lived in this town for eight or ten years past, during which time he has, so far as ever came to our knowledge, sustained the character of an upright, fair dealer, and of good moral character, and very industrious and good blacksmith, signed: Nathan Robbins, Joel Adams, Select men of Union.”

Shortly after the above date he started with his family, consisting of his wife and six children and his son-in-law, Obediah Luce, and journeyed to Ohio. They went in a four-horse wagon, traveling for fifty-seven days, a distance of 1050 miles, never unloading the wagon until he reached Poland, Trumbull Co., Ohio. There he remained until the winter of 1812-13, when he removed to lands he had purchased of Isaac Poe and John Nagle. They had bought

the same of Winn Winship, and concerning his right to sell said lands the following interesting statement tells the story:

“Whereas the Congress of the United States granted to the State of Ohio certain lands for the use of schools in the Virginia Military District, the Assembly of the State of Ohio aforesaid appointed Winn Winship to lease and dispose of said lands according to certain acts of the legislature of the State of Ohio concerning the aforesaid lands.”

The aforesaid Isaac Poe and John Nagle of Wayne Co., for \$65.00 sold their right and interest in the north half of Section No. 10 in Township No. 16 of Range No. 12, 80 acres, to Simon Chaffin. That these lands rapidly appreciated in value is evident from the fact that only a few years after this purchase Simon sold a part of this 80 acres on Dec. 12, 1826, to his son, Gladwin, for \$300.00.

On Sept. 5, 1814, the township of East Union was formed, and this name was suggested by Simon Chaffin in recollection of his home in Union, Maine, and was adopted by the inhabitants. The first white man to die there was Vesta Frary, and Simon Chaffin helped to lay him out and to dig his grave. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin were both members of the Methodist Church and meetings were held in their house. The Rev. Harroy O. Sheldon was the M. E. presiding elder and a good specimen of a muscular Christian. He could carry a barrel of salt or a barrel of cider with ease. On one occasion at a campmeeting two drunken men disturbed the assembly and the Rev. Sheldon choked them into silence. As before stated, Simon d. Aug. 8, 1837, and Mercy, his wife, Jan. 13, 1854. Children:

- i. MERCY, b. in Littleton, May 23, 1786; m. in Union, Me., 1804, Obadiah Luce, b. Jan. 22, 1789, at Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Their children were: 1. *Hepsy*, b. in Union, Me., May 24, 1805; m. 1829, Eli Baldwin, at East Union, O., and had Marie, who m. Dr. Hunt; Henry, who d. abt. 1905 in Cleveland; and Horace, who is living in Philadelphia. 2. *Freeman*, b. Dec. 29, 1806, in Union, Me.; m. Mar. 29, 1835, Louisa Horton, and had seven children: Curtis, Hepsy, Mary Ann, Orlando, Amelia, Helen and Eli. All lived to manhood



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or womanhood, except Eli, who d. in infancy. The only one now (1911) living is Helen, who m. De Forest Gleason and lives in Chicago, Ill. 3. *Whitman*, b. June 13, 1809, in Union, Me.; d. 1882 in Burbank, O. 4. *A son*, who d. in infancy in 1811. 5. *Harman*, b. Jan., 1813, at Poland, O.; m. Catherine Harman of Gilton, O., and had Helen Jane and Chester. Harman d. 1880. 6. *Curtis Ransler*, b. Oct. 11, 1815, at East Union, O.; m. Unice Higgins of Castalia, O., and had one son named Noyce. Curtis d. abt. 1896. 7. *Eli*, b. Dec. 17, 1817, at East Union; m. Amanda Rogers, Jan. 21, 1841, and had three children, one living, named Fidelia, who m. in 1863 Joseph Daniels at Wooster, O., and had Charles W., William E., Eli B., Arthur (d. in infancy), Victor G., and John C. Mr. Daniels d. July 3, 1907, age 71. Fidelia is living at Lodi, O. Eli's first wife, Amanda, d. Nov., 1862, and he m. 2d, Cylinda Frizzel, in 1864. He d. Sept. 17, 1890, and his wife d. July 22, 1895. They had one son, Allen E., who gives all this information about the Luce family. He was b. Jan. 14, 1865, near Lodi, O.; m. Mary C. Palmer, Apr. 29, 1891, and have Rhea C., b. Nov. 21, 1898, and Clementine E., b. Aug. 26, 1903. 8. *Doctor Seth*, so called because he was the "seventh son," b. Aug. 23, 1824, at East Union; m. abt. 1848 Anna Patch of Sandusky, O., and had George, Victor, Florence and Ella, all of whom live at Ashland, O. George m. Jennie Bruce, who d. abt. 1903. Florence m. Edwin Miller; no children. Ella m. James Bachelder, who d. abt. 1901. George and Victor unm. Doctor Seth d. abt. 1893 and his wife two years earlier.

- ii. **Lois**, b. in Acton, Mass., Sept. 25, 1791; m. Dr. William Stillson near Bellevue, O. They had children. She was blind some years before death. One of their daughters married a dentist named Sumner and lived in Cleveland.
- iii. **POLLY**, b. in Acton, June 20, 1794; m. Daniel Fairchild and lived on a farm in Hancock Co., O., west of Fostoria. Several children: One named *Hall* m. a Miss Day and was farmer and cattle man near Chicago and had several children. Another, *Lucretia*, m. a Mr. Bryant and moved into Indiana. A third, *Mary Ann*, m. a Mr. Patton and had *Lucretia* and *Sarah Ann* and perhaps others.

- iv. **RHODA**, b. in Acton, Dec. 12, 1796; m. David Day, a Methodist minister. They lived on a farm east of Vanburen, adjoining the farm of the Fairchilds. They had *Levi*, *Simon*, and several daughters. They sold out and moved to Iowa abt. 1855. Levi was preparing for the ministry but was caught in a blizzard and perished.
- v. **JOSEPH**, b. in Union, Me., Nov. 10, 1799; d. Mar. 31, 1801.
- 39 vi. **GLADWIN**, b. in Union, Me., Oct. 10, 1804; d. Mar. 13, 1890.
- 40 vii. **SIMON, JR.**, b. in Union, Me., Mar. 1, 1808; d. Mar. 30, 1886.
- viii. **MILLY**, b. in Union, Me., 1810; d. Apr. 22, 1811.

## 15

**PETER** (*Robert 3*), b. in Acton, Mass., 1766; m., March 20, 1787, Mary Whitney of Stowe, Mass. He lived in Stowe awhile after his marriage, his first son, Daniel, being born there. But his home most of the time until 1795 was in Acton. At this date, however, he purchased land in Chesterfield, N. H., as also in 1798. Later than that, in 1802, he moved to Lorraine, Jefferson Co., N. Y. The destruction of the early Jefferson Co. probate records and records of deeds by fire has made it very difficult to get exact information relative to Peter's settlement and his family record. The compiler has, however, done his best to get the needed data. Peter's date of death and that of his wife is not known, but both deaths were prior to 1850. Children:

- 41 i. **DANIEL**, b. in Stowe, Mass., Dec. 15, 1787; d. Aug. 27, 1854, in Lorraine.
- 42 ii. **ROBERT**, date and place of birth unknown; d. in Lorraine abt. 1835.
- iii. **RENSON**, date and place of birth unknown. He lived first in Lorraine, a blacksmith and a farmer, and also an expert cooper and cabinet-maker; m. 1st Lydia Williams and had a son. His wife d. early and the son was taken in charge by his mother's family. Later Renson moved to Henderson, N. Y., and there m. Vinera Clark, who was b. abt. 1800. He d. abt. 1864. No children.
- 43 iv. **PETER**, b. 1802 in Lorraine; d. July 25, 1868, at Shepherd, Mich.

44 v. **HIRAM**, b. Oct. 14, 1806, in Lorraine; d. Nov. 3, 1874.  
 vi. **WHITNEY**, b. probably abt. 1810, the youngest of the family. He m. in 1873 Nancy Smiley, sister of Daniel's 2d wife. He went to California; returned and started again for California and d. on the way.

Ora G. Chaffin states that this Peter, his great grandfather, had also three daughters, *Charlotte, Polly and Betsey*.

## 16

**GLADWIN** (*Robert 3*), b. Nov. 20, 1768, in Acton, Mass.; d. Feb. 10, 1813, in Harvard; m. Dec. 30, 1789, Eunice Farwell, b. Mar. 17, 1763, in Harvard; d. Jan. 13, 1813, and in less than a month the sadly bereaved husband followed her. Gladwin's home-stead and farm were on the road from Harvard to Still River abt. a mile from the Centre. The old house is not there; a shop is built over the cellar where it stood. The land beyond his home was called the "Goose Pasture," and they used to raise geese there. The gravestone that marks the last resting place of Gladwin and Eunice in the cemetery near the church, although now almost a hundred years old, is still firm and strong, a very solid and elaborate memorial of slatestone three and a half feet high by two and a half feet broad. It is elaborately carved on the front, representing an urn shaded by a willow. Below it is this inscription:

"The dust and ruins that remain  
 Are precious in our eyes;  
 These ruins shall be built again  
 And all this dust shall rise."

an inscription that expresses the belief of the resurrection of the body, a belief now largely outgrown and discarded. The children of Gladwin and Eunice were:

i **BETSEY**, b. Feb. 22, 1790; d. Mar. 19, 1839; m. May 22, 1817, John Hill, Jr., who d. Apr. 26, 1835. Children:  
 1. *Albert Chaffin*, b. in Harvard, Apr. 28, 1818, of whom not much is known. He lived to manhood but never married. 2. *Joseph Chaffin Appleton*, b. in Harvard, Jan. 21, 1821. At the age of 20 years he went to Concord, N. H., where he had relatives, and entered the employ of Franklin Evans, and later the partnership of Evans and Hill was formed, which continued

until Mr. Hill went to California in 1864, as agent of the great coach and carriage manufactory of Abbott & Downing of Concord, N. H. He returned to Concord in 1873, where he lived until his death, which occurred Mar. 14, 1901. He m. Sept. 25, 1850, Ellen Downing of Concord, b. July 28, 1828, dau. of Lewis and Lucy (Wheelock) and at this date (Oct., 1912) she is still living. Mr. Hill was a very public spirited citizen; one of the most useful and helpful of men. For many years he was a member of the school board, clerk of Ward Six a number of years, a representative in the state legislature for two years, county commissioner for three years, a justice of the peace over twenty years. He took an ardent interest in the N. H. Centennial Home for the Aged, was elected its treasurer, and for 25 years successfully managed its affairs.

The Proctor Academy of Andover, N. H., was another institution he was deeply interested in, being president of the board of trustees. He was a devoted Unitarian and a most helpful member of the Unitarian Church in Concord—early becoming a teacher in the Sunday School, and for years its superintendent. It is interesting to note that he and four other intimate friends formed an association they called the Mystic Five, *which met annually on New Years Eve for 50 years*, celebrating the dying year with a supper. At the fiftieth meeting it was voted to discontinue the gatherings, and one of the five died soon after. The last meeting was Dec. 31, 1893, at Young's Hotel, Boston. Mr. Hill was the latest survivor.

ii. **SALLY**, b. Apr. 5, 1791, in Harvard; m. Sept. 29, 1816, Jonathan B. Symonds of Hanover, N. H., b. in Harvard Mar. 20, 1791. He soon settled in Concord, N. H., but later moved to Oxford, Me., where he d. One son, *Andrew*, who for awhile took to the sea, making a voyage to China, but later studied for a lawyer, a keen, bright man, who grew to manhood but d. young, Mar. 20, 1850.

Like many other families that come from England, the Chaffin family for many years entertained the pleasing tradition of an immense fortune held for them in the Bank of England, subject to call and sure to be turned over to them when sufficient evidence of ownership could be produced. This fiction has not yet died



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out. The author of this Chaffin History has been questioned about it by correspondents who seem dazzled by the brilliant prospect of such an addition to their cash as would enable them to buy the most expensive automobiles and live henceforth at ease. The subject is referred to here only to say that the Andrew Symonds spoken of above was being trained in the law mainly as a preparation for going to England and claiming this great fortune. An early death saved him from this foolish quest. Mrs. Symonds m. 2d, at Oxford, W. B. Norton, his 2d marriage. He had a daughter, Frances, with whom, after his death, his widow lived a part of the time, and where she d., Aug. 13, 1865.

iii. EUNICE, b. Jan. 8, 1791, in Harvard, Mass.; d. Nov. 2, 1828; m. May 22, 1817, William Davis of Billerica, Mass., b. Sept. 9, 1790; d. Jan. 6, 1880, in Acton, Mass., s. of William and Rebecca (Tuttle). Children: 1. *Rebecca Tuttle*, b. May 1, 1818; d. Dec. 15, 1839. 2. *Eliza Holden*, b. Sept. 22, 1819; d. April 20, 1841; m. Sept. 10, 1840, Daniel Fuller. 3. *Hosea Fessenden*, b. March 25, 1821; d. April 25, 1826. 4. *William Warren*, b. Mar. 27, 1824; d. June 26, 1891; m. Apr. 7, 1853, Martha Taylor of Boxboro, b. July 6, 1825; d. Dec. 8, 1878, and had (a) Ada Chaffin, b. Jan. 15, 1854; d. June 21, 1906. It is due to her to say that the record she made of information given by an aged relative, Robert Chaffin of Acton, regarding the Chaffins, has been of great assistance in compiling this history. (b) William N., b. Mar. 26, 1856; m. July 8, 1880, Amanda L. Davis, b. Jan. 8, 1855, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Elliot) and have Martha Taylor, b. Aug. 3, 1881; Ada B., b. Dec. 26, 1887; Frank E., b. Feb. 10, 1892. William N. lives in Colon, Neb. (c) Freddie, b. June 4, 1864; d. Oct. 9, 1864. (d) Helen, b. Oct. 13, 1867; d. Feb. 18, 1868. 5. *Hosea Fessenden*, b. July 14, 1827; d. July 11, 1903; m. May 3, 1854, Huldah Pingrey, b. Jan. 23, 1831; d. Dec. 13, 1903, and had (a) Sumner, b. May 1, 1856; d. Jan. 6, 1898; m. May 27, 1882, Mary J. Dockham, b. June 3, 1859, and have Edith May, b. May 15, 1888. Sumner Pingrey, b. Feb. 20, 1890. Olive Chaffin, b. Nov. 14, 1891. Helen Rebecca, b. July 20, 1894. Ruth Huldah, b. May 15, 1896.

William Davis, Sr., m. 2d, Mar. 24, 1830, Hannah J. Maynard, b. Feb. 21, 1803, in Shrewsbury, Mass., and d. Apr. 11, 1848, in Boxborough, and they had 6. *Mary Jane*, b. Feb. 27, 1834; d. Feb. 8, 1863; m. Dec. 20, 1855, Vandolo Whitecomb and had several children of whom only one, Irving W., lived to grow up.

Mr. Davis m. 3d, Jan. 16, 1849, Eliza R. Taylor, b. Oct. 5, 1805, in Littleton, Mass.; d. June 6, 1896, in Ashland, Mass.

iv. JOHN FARWELL, b. Oct., 1794; d. Feb., 1795.

v. HARRIET, b. Dec. 29, 1796; d. Aug. 2, 1837; m. Apr. 14, 1814, Jonas Bateman, b. May 15, 1791; d. Mar. 15, 1852. Children: 1. *Harriet Farwell*, b. Jan. 3, 1815, in Harvard, and d. there Oct. 25, 1853. 2. *Charles Chaffin*, b. Apr. 16, 1816; d. Oct. 30, 1841. 3. *Andrew Plumer*, b. Apr. 21, 1818; d. Mar. 29, 1837. 4. *William Frederick*, b. Feb. 28, 1820, in Templeton; d. Jan. 31, 1877; m. Feb. 15, 1849, Louisa Harrod Willard, b. Feb. 17, 1828; d. June 10, 1910; dau. of William B. and Abiah (Harrod). Children: (a) *Frederic W.*, b. Dec. 17, 1852; station agent at Still River, Mass., as his father was before him. (b) *Luther H.*, b. Dec. 17, 1852; m. Sept. 6, 1893, *Mary A. Hammond*, and they have *Louise Alice*, b. Dec. 1, 1894; *Dorothy H.*, b. Mar. 14, 1897; and *Eleanor W.*, b. Aug. 18, 1902. *Luther* lives in Arlington, Mass. (c) *Carlton Haskell*, d. in infancy. (d) *Eliza Abiah*, b. Apr. 8, 1870; taught school with marked success in Harvard, but now lives with her brother in Still River. 5. *Horatio*, b. Apr. 3, 1822, in Harvard; d. Jan., 1898, at Shelter Island, N. Y.; m. in Boston, *Margaret Creighton* and had (a) *Ellen Clara*, who m. *G. S. Cartwright*, and (b) *Charles Horatio*, b. Feb. 22, 1848; d. Feb. 16, 1908; m. June 25, 1883, *Mary L. Sherman*, b. Apr. 4, 1851; one child, *Julia S.*, b. Apr. 25, 1887; d. May 8, 1887. 6. *Silas Cragin*, b. Nov. 4, 1823, in Harvard; d. Aug. 1, 1846. 7. *John Farwell*, b. Sept. 5, 1825, in Harvard; d. Jan. 16, 1843. 8. *George*, b. July 7, 1828; d. June 26, 1831. 9. *Francis Augustus*, b. July 2, 1830; d. Jan. 3, 1852. 10. *George Henry*, b. Feb. 5, 1832; d. Jan. 11, 1860, in Worcester. 11. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 24, 1834; d. June 23, 1840. 12. *Mary Isabella*, b. June 24, 1836; d. Dec. 26, 1836.

45 vi. JOHN FARWELL, b. May 17, 1798, in Harvard; d. Feb. 9, 1862, in Concord, N. H.

vii. NANCY CLEVERLY, b. in Harvard, Apr. 13, 1801; d. Dec. 2, 1880, in Concord, N. H.; m. Oct. 6, 1822, in Harvard, Hosea Fessenden, b. in Halifax, Vt., Mar. 15, 1796; s. of Solomon and Betsey (Tucker), d. Mar. 28, 1871, in Concord, N. H. He had learned the saddlery and harness business in Keene, N. H., and in 1819, he moved to Concord and started in this business, which he carried on successfully for many years, and continued at it until his death. Many apprentices learned their trade of him, all of whom learned to respect him as a kind and just employer and a man of sterling integrity. He was one of the earliest members of the Unitarian Church of Concord, being the seventh signer of the articles of incorporation. He united with the church "as a professing Christian," May 1, 1831, was elected deacon June 3, 1832, and served as such for seventeen years. In 1823 he took the Master's degree in the Blazing Star Lodge of Masons. In 1826 he was made a Royal Arch Mason of Trinity Chapter, and held important offices in the New Hampshire Masonic order, for many years being Grand Treasurer of the order in the State. He was a noble type of manhood. Nancy Chaffin, who became his wife, was a most fitting helpmeet for Mr. Fessenden. "She looked well to the ways of her household," was most hospitable, entertaining many friends and relatives, sometimes averaging for a long time as many as a dozen persons about her generously provided table. The writer of this notice, her nephew and adopted son, regards her as coming as near realizing the highest ideal of Christian womanhood as any person he has ever known, and he is glad to bear this testimony to her Christian character, and to her motherly kindness and devotion to him, as to all her children, through all her years. She was most self-sacrificing, but the pleasure she took in helping others turned self-sacrifice into joy. She was very kind and helpful to the poor, and in those days before trained nurses, she watched many nights at the bedside of the sick even after a hard day's work at home. She was most prayerful and devout in her religious faith and ardent in her attachment to her church. The writer well remembers the loving reverence with which,

as the deacon's wife, she would prepare the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper; and he used to go with her, when a small boy, and carry these memorials for her, and watch her as she arranged them on the table for the coming service. Religion was as necessary and natural to her as breathing. She illustrated Father Taylor's remark, who, when someone spoke of the loveliness of the angels, replied with feeling, "*Folks are better than angels.*" Children: 1. *Sarah Jane*, b. Dec. 10, 1825; d. July 13, 1838; so remarkable a child in the strength and beauty of her religious faith that her minister, the Rev. Moses G. Thomas, of saintly memory, wrote a touching account of her in a pamphlet of thirty pages. 2. *Henry Gladwin*, b. Oct. 28, 1828; d. Feb. 11, 1837. 3. *Eliza Tucker*, b. Oct. 22, 1831; m. Sept. 8, 1853, George Edwin Todd, b. Feb. 6, 1830, at Cambridge, Mass.; d. Nov. 16, 1892, in Concord, N. H.; son of Moses and Rebecca (Turner). He came to Concord in 1848 and entered the service of the Northern N. H. R. R., first as clerk, then as paymaster and master of transportation, and finally, in 1866, as superintendent. He was in 1878 chosen as one of the directors of the R. R. He was elected and served for two years as a member of the N. H. House of Representatives, and also for two years in the N. H. Senate, being elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Todd was a man of incorruptable character, capable and judicious in his business management, and faithful to every trust reposed in him. Mr. and Mrs. Todd had one child, Carrie Rebecca, b. Aug. 15, 1858, and living with her mother, who is a woman whose fine character, intelligence and helpful life have won the respect and esteem of all who know her. 4. *Nancy Chaffin*, b. Dec. 25, 1833; d. June 15, 1895, in Concord. 5. *John Henry*, b. Oct. 13, 1838, a born business man, more fond as a boy of catching horn-pouts, pickerel and eels and shooting squirrels, than of studying lessons in school, which he abandoned early in order to enter upon a business career. He had such a genius for "dickering" that it was said of him that he would borrow a jack-knife of another boy in the morning, go "swapping" round during the day and come back at night with the borrowed knife, which he returned to the owner, and with another that he gained by his



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trading. The writer does not vouch for the truth of this story, but it well illustrates his genius. At the age of 17 years he became a clerk in a drug store in Boston at \$3.00 per week, which position he left for the funny reason that his employer accused him of killing some small pet alligators by throwing ashes in their aquarium, though he afterward discovered that the deed was done by his head clerk. Young Fessenden then took a place as clerk in the shoe store of his cousin, Henry Bateman, at \$4.00 a week, and afterwards in the wholesale boot and shoe store of Drury, Fairbanks & Co., where with a salary of \$500 he became head clerk. He was soon offered \$800, but preferred to "go west." He landed in Cincinnati and there established the business of manufacturing toilet soaps. But then came the opening of the Civil War and the call for troops. He enlisted at once, and put a notice on his factory door, "Not to be reopened until the end of the war." He was appointed 2d lieutenant, became a recruiting agent and soon reported to Capt. Johnson, Co. K, 75th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. His service for awhile was in West Virginia, under Generals Milroy, Schenck and Fremont. He was in the battles of Bull Mountain, Cross Keys and the second Bull Run: and with his comrades chased, and was chased by Stonewall Jackson up and down the Luray and Shenandoah valleys; was in Pope's forced march down the Rappahannock, and after the 2d Bull Run battle was down with rheumatic fever, which brought him apparently near death's door, forced him to resign, and disabled him for over a year. Then, after a clerkship for awhile in a wholesale boot and shoe store, he went into business for himself in Knoxville, Tenn., remaining there until the end of the war. He then entered the employ, as traveling salesman, of Solon Palmer, who sold flavoring extracts, etc., and he so increased the trade that Mr. Palmer doubled his working force and established a flourishing business in New York City. After four years with Solon Palmer, Mr. Fessenden went into the house furnishing business in Sioux City, Ia. He remained some years there and then, thinking he could make more money buying and selling mining claims, he went to Colorado, where he acquired some valuable mining property which he still

holds. But the Colorado climate is hard on rheumatic persons, and his physician advised him to go south. This took him to Florida, where he settled and where he has since been for nearly 30 years. Twenty-six years ago he located in Tampa and has been and still is doing a prosperous business in real estate there. "All's well that ends well," and this checkered business career finds Mr. Fessenden a man of means secured by his own business ability. He has, notwithstanding some business setbacks, always paid his debts and has the deserved reputation of being an honest, upright and capable business man. It deserves telling, that as a boy, Mr. Fessenden had a passion for guns and pistols, and the smell of gunpowder was ambrosial to his nostrils. He became an expert marksman whom no one could surpass. While in military service a captain in a regiment encamped near the one he belonged to heard of him and wanted to bet that a gunner in his own regiment could beat him. The challenge was accepted for Lieut. Fessenden by his captain. But when the challenger heard that on the morning of the day when the trial was to be made Lieut. Fessenden had been out and *with a revolver* had shot off the heads of enough robins to provide a meal for his officer's mess, he came and begged to have the bet called off, saying he couldn't compete with a man who could shoot off the heads of robins with a revolver.

Mr. Fessenden m. Nov. 11, 1896, Catharine Dodge De La Vergne, b. Oct. 9, 1866; dau. of James A. and Frances M. (Preston). Children: (a) John Henry, b. Nov. 30, 1897. (b) Price De La Vergne, b. June 28, 1901.

6. *Harriet Maria*, sixth child of Nancy and Hosea Fessenden, b. Aug. 30, 1842; d. Jan. 3, 1845.

46 viii. WILLIAM FARWELL, b. Jan. 14, 1804; d. Apr. 30, 1838, in Oxford, Me.

47 ix. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 13, 1807; d. Jan. 14, 1898.

DANIEL (*Francis* 4), b. in Acton, Mass., Nov. 9, 1763; m. Elizabeth (probably Elizabeth Corliss, dau. of Mitchell Corliss of Dracut, Mass.). For the unfounded tradition of his and his brother Samuel's capture by the British and their dying in the



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Black Hole in Calcutta, see the account under his and Samuel's names, in the record of the family of his father, Francis. Daniel moved into Cheshire Co., N. H., settling in Lisbon in 1790. He was living in the town of Haverhill, N. H., in 1798. He moved west with his brother, Reuben, or may have followed him there, but his further whereabouts are unknown. Children:

- i. JOHN, b. Sept. 25, 1798, in Haverhill, N. H.
- ii. LYCURGUS, whose birthday is not on record, who lived for some years but disappeared from sight.

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REUBEN (*Francis* 4), b. in Acton, Mass., July 14, 1766; d. in 1808 in Madison Township, Scioto Co., O.; settled soon after his first marriage, in 1788, in Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., with his brother, Daniel. He settled on Lot No. 7, 6th Range. Lisbon was sometimes called New Concord. There all his children were born except Judith. About 1806 with his family he removed to Kentucky, investing all he had in a large farm which he lost by a defective title and the manipulation of land grabbers. This left him in destitute circumstances and his friends assisted him to remove with his family into Madison Township, Scioto Co., O. His children were trained to work, and being honest, capable and industrious, they achieved a real success and established good homes of their own. Reuben was in fact the founder of a very important branch of the Chaffin family. He served his country in the War of 1812. He m. 1st at Bolton, Mass., on Dec. 15, 1788, Eunice Walcott, b. Feb. 24, 1766; d. 1799; dau. of Jesse, a Revolutionary patriot, and Rebecca. The data below are taken from the family Bible now in the possession of Ida Edwards of Vinton, Ia. Children, all but Judith, b. in Lisbon, N. H.:

- i. REBECCA, b. Aug. 9, 1789; d. Mar. 27, 1790.
- 48 ii. REUBEN, b. Dec. 30, 1791; d. Feb. 11, 1863.
- iii. EUNICE, b. Sept. 25, 1792; m. Thomas Blythe and they had: 1. Asa, who never m. and d. in Louisville, Ky. 2. *John Horatio*, b. Dec. 28, 1819; d. July 26, 1874; m. Oct. 25, 1848, Adelia M. Ross, and had (a) Adora Monet, b. May 6 and d. July, 1850. (b) Emma Alice, b. Sept. 30, 1851; m. Julius Hardin, Aug. 11, 1874, and

had Orrin, Hillary, Clara and Virgil Knott. Julius Hardin d. Oct., 1899. (c) Columbus, b. Nov. 17, 1852; d. young. (d) Norah Helen, b. Nov. 25, 1856; d. Nov. 11, 1903; m. Thos. C. Tousey, Nov. 25, 1875, and had Ollie Raymond, b. Nov., 1877. (e) John H., b. June 17, 1862; m. Rose Lucia Allen, Nov. 21, 1895, and had Emma Millicent and Anna Catharine, b. Sept. 12, 1896. Anna Catharine d. July 7, 1897; John H. Jr., b. Apr. 1, 1899; Lucia Helen, b. Oct. 26, 1905. (f) Thomas R., b. Nov. 21, 1864; m. Mrs. Sallie Ann Miller, Apr., 1901, and had Ross, b. Oct. 22, 1902; Nora Elizabeth, b. Jan. 4, 1904; Roy, b. Jan. 24, 1905, d. June 10, 1905. (9) An infant, b. Mar. 15, 1867, and d. in a few hours. 3. *Wesley*, d. in Louisville, unm. 4. *Philora*, who m. a Ross and raised a family near Louisville, Ky.; said to have lived in Brandenburg, Ky. The author has tried very hard to secure the Ross family records but has been unable to do it.

iv. **PHOEBE**, b. Sept. 30, 1794; d. July 27, 1855; m. May 17, 1812, George Salliday, b. in Maryland, 1785; d. Oct. 5, 1860; son of Philip and Sarah Christina (Flick), emigrants from Switzerland, and removed with his parents to Western Pennsylvania, and from there when 15 years of age to Scioto Co., O. Children: 1. *John Miller*, b. Jan. 10, 1814; d. Aug. 20, 1902; m. May 26, 1840, Martha Hayward, who d. May 29, 1892; dau. of Moses, and they had three children: Harriet Jane, who d. 17 years of age; Lora A, who m. Samuel Bierly of Portsmouth, O.; and George M., b. Feb. 6, 1847; m. Mar. 11, 1874, Methe Jones, dau. of J. O. and Mora O. (Feurt) and had one child, Martha, who m. Chas. F. Tracy and has two children, Lucille and Harold. 2. *Malissa*, b. Dec. 16, 1815; d. July 31, 1854; m. Amaziah Bacus. 3. *Ira*, b. Jan. 17, 1818; d. July 7, 1845; m. Eliza Norris. 4. *Lemuel*, b. Aug. 22, 1820; d. Sept. 22, 1902; m. Mary Berry, who d. Apr. 29, 1884, and in 1885 he m. Hatty Snooks, who survives him. 5. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 3, 1822; d. July 16, 1854; m. Miss Nourse. 6. *Silas*, b. May 3, 1825; d. July 20, 1850; m. Miss Nourse. 7. *Obadiah*, b. Sept. 29, 1827; m. Miss Nourse; d. in California. 8. *Marilda*, b. May 29, 1830; d. July 5, 1861; m. Thomas McEntee. 9. *Calvin*, b. Dec. 5, 1832; lost on a vessel named the Golden Gate, while returning from California.

nia. The ship burned or sank July 23, 1862. 10. *Eunice B.*, b. Sept. 23, 1834, and still lives; m. John Collins, a captain in the Civil War. He d. and she m. a second time.

49 v. SHADRACH, b. Mar. 8, 1797; d. June 13, 1884.

After the death of his wife Eunice, Reuben m., Mar. 17, 1800, Nancy Bean of Salisbury, N. H., b. Nov. 25, 1773, in Boscawin, N. H.; dau. of Phineas, a Revolutionary soldier, and Judith (Snow). Children:

50 vi. PHINEAS BEAN, b. 1800.

vii. NANCY, b. 1802.

viii JUDITH, b. abt. 1806 in Kentucky; d. of small-pox after vaccination.

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SAMUEL (*Samuel 5*), b. Dec. 1, 1760, in Holden, Mass.; d. about 1838 in Wardsboro, Vt.; m. Dec. 9, 1779, Abigail Hemenway of Holden, and they lived in Jamaica, Vt. Samuel was a Revolutionary soldier; was first a private in Capt. Jesse Stone's Co., Col. Jacob Cushing's Regt. Marched to Bennington, Vt., July 27, 1777; disch. Aug. 29; service one mo. and nine days. A private in Capt. Joel Green's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt.; service between June 1, 1778, and Jan. 31, 1779 (apparently including the foregoing named service), seven months and twenty-nine days at Peekskill and White Plains. He enlisted for eight months also as corporal in the same co. and regt. He lived in Massachusetts for a while and afterwards in Vermont, at one time in Jamaica. He died in Wardsboro, Vt., at the home of his son-in-law, Squire Holden, who m. his daughter Lucy. His wife d. before he did and he is said to have married a second time. Children:

- i. SARAH, b. 1780; d. 1864; m. Isaac Whitney, as his second wife, who d. 1860. They had: 1. *Sarah*, who m. George Gassett of Gilsum, N. H., and had Estes, George, Wayland and Abbie. Sarah d. 1892. 2. *Isaac Chaffin*, b. June 12, 1821; d. Mar. 19, 1888; m. Oct. 3, 1850, Sophie Giles, and they had (a) Abbie Jane, b. June 21, 1852; m. 1877, George Pierson, and had Platt, b. Dec. 20, 1878; m. 1910, Delia Mack; Ida Emma, b. Mar. 21, 1880; m. Cecil H. Morse, 1908;

Flora S., b. Nov. 21, 1882, and Charles and Carrie, twins, b. Feb. 19, 1889; d. Mar. 19. Isaac and Sophie had (b) Emma Stella, b. Aug. 3, 1856; and (c) Barnet, b. July 22, 1868. He is a toolmaker and lives with his mother in Perkinsville, Vt., Mrs. Isaac C. Whitney, who has been of great service in giving valuable data relating to Samuel and Abigail (Hemenway) Chaffin. 3. *Abigail* (third child of Isaac and Sarah), birth unknown; m. — Willard and they had one son, who d. 1905, and she d. the same year.

ii. **ABIGAIL** (usually called "Nabby"), b. May 28, 1783; d. Feb. 26, 1826, in Wardsboro, Vt.; m. Dec. 8, 1801, in Ackworth, N. H., John Bruce, b. Feb. 11, 1778, in or near Bolton, Mass., and d. Jan. 6, 1868, in Lancaster, N. H. Their children were:

1. **George**, b. Apr. 18, 1803; d. Feb. 3, 1876; m. 1st, Alice Fuller of Dorset, Vt., and had William Wallace, b. Sept. 1, 1827; d. 1891; m. Sept. 21, 1852, Eunice Louise Fuller of Dorset, Vt., and had Alice Louise, b. June 3, 1855, now Mrs. George Merty of Detroit; also Frank and Nellie, now Mrs. Frank Carter of Detroit, Mich. George had a second son, George Henry, b. 1837; d. 1882; m. Kate Blackmon in Lancaster, N. Y., and had Gertrude, Willard, who d. soon, Florence and a second Willard. Florence is now Mrs. Herman Lanty of Des Moines, Ia. George Bruce m. 2d Almeda Van Loon of Albany, N. Y.; no children.
2. **Alona**, b. Jan. 2, 1807; d. Jan. 17, 1894; m. Mar. 28, 1827, Arnold Wit Nicholson, and their children were (a) Mary Ann, b. Apr. 3, 1829; d. May 13, 1830. (b) Mary Helen, b. May 11, 1831; d. Aug. 14, 1890; m. Feb. 20, 1856, Dr. Charles L. Reed, and had Addie, who m. Augustus Smith, and Jessie who m. Harry Butler and lives in Madison, Wis. (c) Calista Maria, b. Nov. 11, 1833; d. Apr. 5, 1842. (d) Adelaide Lucretia, b. Oct. 23, 1835; d. June 19, 1887; m. July 3, 1853, George Munson Clark, and had Fred G., b. June 21, 1854, d. Jan. 15, 1872; Stella Louise, b. Dec. 11, 1857; m. Jan. 24, 1883, Martin Van Buren Williams; no children; Edward Munson, b. Aug. 11, 1870, m. 1896, Margaret Stapleton and had Hugh, Donald, Margaret, Catherine and Marion. (e) Orland Horace, b. Dec. 23, 1837; d. Feb. 10, 1892; m. June 10, 1860, Carrie O. Todd, who d. June 8, 1875, and had George

Bruce, who became a clergyman and m. Mar., 1883, Addie Smith and had Alona Ethel, who m. June 19, 1908, Stephen G. Bean and have Alona S. Orland's 1st wife, Carrie, d. and he m. 2d, Oct. 23, 1878, Louise Morse. (f) Harriet Amanda, b. June 22, 1840; m. Nov. 22, 1862, Rev. John H. Carpenter, D.D., and had Willie, b. Aug. 13, 1863; Laura Alona, b. Apr. 21, 1865; m. Dec. 18, 1889, Dr. Charles W. Little, and have Ruth Alona, b. Jan. 12, 1892; Marjoria Ellen, b. Nov. 18, 1894, Miriam Harriet, b. Aug. 5, 1896, and Laura Evelyn, b. Oct. 3, 1898. They had, 3d, George Henry, b. Aug. 3, 1870, in Marengo, Ill., now a doctor in Chicago; m. Nov. 20, 1895, Fannie E. Barber; and, 3d, Norman Bruce, b. Oct. 1, 1872, in Marengo, Ill.; m. Jan. 5, 1899, Hattie Haines and have Martha Alona, b. Nov. 14, 1899, and Mae Louise, b. Apr. 17, 1904; (g) Imogene Luella, b. Oct. 26, 1848; d. Mar. 15, 1872.

3. *Lucretia*, b. Feb. 20, 1808; d. Mar. 28, 1858; m. Mar. 6, 1827, Isaac Doty, b. Jan. 27, 1804; d. June 24, 1880. Children: (a) Helen M., b. Sept. 13, 1830; d. June 13, 1834. (b) Louise M., b. May 26, 1833; m. May 16, 1850, Reuben Clark, b. Apr. 11, 1825, and live in Denver, Col. (c) Horatio N., b. Mar. 21, 1839. (d) Orsemus M., b. Feb. 19, 1841. (e) John H., b. Feb. 25, 1846. John H. is the proprietor of "Doty's Resort," Paw Paw Lake, Watervliet, Mich.
4. *Samuel Chaffin*, b. Dec. 5, 1811; d. Jan. 2, 1887, in Lancaster, N. Y.; m. Sept. 2, 1833, Luceba Cena Caswell of Middletown, Vt., and had Amelia Adeliza, b. July 23, 1834; d. Nov. 19, 1890; m. Sept. 2, 1856, Charles Winslow Fuller of Dorset, Vt., and had William Bruce, b. May 30, 1857; d. Sept. 2, 1909, in London, Eng.; m. Nov. 22, 1882, Mary Gilligan and had three children: Florence Cornelia, b. Feb. 17, 1860; m. July 11, 1878, Robert Looney, who d. Jan., 1909, in Lancaster, N. Y.; and Edwin Carlton, b. June 19, 1864; d. Feb. 17, 1867.

Samuel C.'s 2d child was Aurelia Victoria, b. July 1838; m. Cyreneas Clark and had Charles, George and Adell, and live in Pomona, Fla. His third child was Arvilla, b. July 1842, m. abt. 1865, John Japes and had Nellie Augusta, b. Feb. 18, 1867; d. Sept., 1901. Marion Luceba, b. Jan., 1870; Edna Bruce, b. 1873;

and Clara, b. 1879, and m. in 1904, Harry Gibson, both of Knox, Pa., and have two children.

5. *Mary Abigail*, b. June 29, 1814; d. Aug., 1900; m. Dec. 6, 1832, Charles Pond, b. in Holliston, Mass., June 6, 1802; d. at Milford, June 27, 1866. Children: (a) George Gilbert, b. at Windham, Conn., Nov. 29, 1834. (b) Charles Bruce, b. at Norwich, Conn., July 31, 1836. (c) Chandler Hurlbut, b. Jan. 4, 1838. (d) Mary Helen, b. Mar. 14, 1839; m. June 30, 1859, E. L. Wires, and d. June 3, 1868. (e) Geraldine Dealbana, b. Apr. 11, 1841; m. Sept. 20, 1866, Benj. Bradford. (f) John Gilbert, b. Apr. 11, 1843; d. June 30, 1858. (g) Harriet Alona, b. Nov. 22, 1844; m. Sept. 26, 1868, William M. Wires, son of Alvin and Amy, and had Grace Amy, b. Jan. 10, 1870, m. Apr. 15, 1896, Herbert Hicks, b. Aug. 8, 1855, lives at Wollaston, Mass.; William M., Jr., b. Aug. 25, 1872, m. Dec. 12, 1910, Bessie Wyer, b. Dec. 15, 1873; and Frederick Alvin, b. June 3, 1874, and d. Apr. 8, 1875; and Hattie May, b. Nov. 18, 1878, d. Oct. 3, 1882. (h) Henry Aaron, b. Dec. 19, 1847. (i) Sarah Hunt, b. Jan. 27, 1849, m. Feb. 25, 1867, Edwin Francis Mower, b. Jan. 5, 1848. (j) Ellen Elizabeth, b. Jan. 14, 1851, m. Nov. 26, 1868, William P. Adams. (k) Frederick A., b. Feb. 4, 1858; d. Dec. 4, 1862.
6. *John G.*, b. Apr. 9, 1816; m. Mary Rawson and they had seven children, viz: Frank, Harvey, Sarah, Charles, Carrie, Bessie and Benjamin, the two last named being twins. Frank m. and had Kathryn, who m. Geo. Kelham, also John and Nettie. Harvey m. Luella Trary and had Nellie, Alice and John. Charles m. Marcia Rolf and had Francis Maude, m. H. Strain, and a son Guy. Bessie m. Arthur Rollins. Benjamin m. Julia Tiffany and had May and Charles.
7. *Solon*, b. Aug. 17, 1819; d. June 17, 1895, in Lancaster, N. Y.; m. 1st in 1845, Lydia Robinson and had Mary, Ella and George, all of whom died. He m. 2, Mar. 27, 1856, Mrs. Helen L. Robinson, and had Sarah Pauline, who m. Myron Clark; Channing, b. Oct. 16, 1862, d. May 15, 1894, m. Oct. 4, 1882, Phebe Bartholomew and had George, b. Oct. 21, 1884; Leonard, b. June 13, 1887, m. Mar. 10, 1909, Lulu De Con, and had Edith L., b. Apr. 14, 1912.

8. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 27, 1821; m. J. H. Carpenter and lives in Lincoln, Neb.
9. *Phebe A.*, b. Dec. 10, 1824; m. in the summer of 1851, John Ballou and lived in Wallingford, Vt. She d. May 15, 1875; no children.
10. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 6, 1826, and the mother d. 20 days afterward.

John Bruce, the father, m. a 2d time and had: 11. Almon H., b. May 10, 1834, who went west and is lost to sight.

- iii. *BETSEY*, b. abt. 1785; m. Nathaniel Richardson of Weston, Vt., his 2d wife; no children. Ormond Kimball, a nephew, wrote the compiler, "Everyone called her Aunt Betsey. She frequently visited my mother (Mrs. Candace Kimball) and she used to make us boys neat little paper band-boxes. She was once a bookbinder."
- iv. *LUCY*, b. Jan. 27, 1792; d. July 21, 1853; m. Feb. 9, 1813, Squire Holden, b. July 14, 1789; d. Jan. 13, 1855; son of Philemon. They had nine children, as follows: 1. *Asa Putnam*, b. in Grafton, Vt., Jan. 20, 1814; d. Apr. 30, 1859; m. 1st, Susan Densmore, in 1839. She was a dau. of John and d. abt. 1845. They had one child, a boy, who d. young. Asa P. m. 2d, Mar. 7, 1848, Sarah Chandler Wiswell, b. in Athens, Vt., Aug. 4, 1831; still living, 1912. She m. 2d, Feb. 22, 1860, Prentiss D. Carr and had four children. She was a dau. of Seth and Sally (Gleason). They had three children, viz: Seth Alvinza, b. Sept. 19, 1849; m. Feb. 12, 1875, Etta Laura Sage, dau. of Emery S. and Martha (Houlton), five children: Elmer Prentiss, b. May 20, 1876; m. July 12, 1905, Lula Mary, b. Apr. 27, 1878, dau. of Theodore and Ann Brown—two children; Lilla Belle, b. Jan. 30, 1878; m. Nov. 25, 1900, Charles E. Cahee—2 children; Earl Emery, b. Mar. 4, 1881; m. Sept. 1, 1908, Bertha Abbie Gile, b. Mar. 10, 1889, dau. of Horace and Abbie (Holt). George Edward, b. July 14, 1885; m. June 9, 1907, Eva A. Rowe, b. Apr. 10, 1889, dau. of Harley A. and Addie E. (Young)—one child. Raymond Alvinza (5th child), b. Nov. 14, 1889; m. May 5, 1910, Ova Gay Moore, b. June 4, 1891; dau. of Frank M and Florence M. (Jordan). Herbert Newell (2d child of Asa P.), b. Oct. 5, 1852; d. Sept. 16, 1857. Edwin Wiswell (the 3d child of Asa P.), b. Mar. 9, 1853; m. Dec. 14, 1882, May B.

Jenison, dau. of Elliot and Mary (Moulton)—1 son, Floyd, b. Feb. 8, 1901. 2. *Sarah* (2d child of Squire Holden), b. Jan. 8, 1816; d. Mar. 20, 1866; m. Apr. 8, 1845, Nathan Boynton, and had Ella, b. Mar. 23, 1850; d. Sept. 10, 1863; and Sarah, b. Apr. 16, 1856; m. Nov. 24, 1880, Elgin A. Jones. 3. *Hollis James*, b. in Townshend, Vt., Apr. 30, 1818; d. in Grafton, Vt., Mar. 10, 1881; m. Apr. 29, 1857, Mrs. Ardilla (Puffer) Babbit, b. July 17, 1828; d. Oct. 3, 1911; widow of Harvey E. Babbitt, and dau. of Amos and Cena (Baker) Puffer, and had Ada M., b. July 31, 1861; d. Mar. 31, 1864; Arthur J., b. Nov. 22, 1863, lawyer in Keene, N. H.; m. Oct. 9, 1895, Mrs. Stella M. Martin, widow of Henry E. Martin and dau. of Nial and Mary (Jenkins) Bemis, b. Feb. 17, 1867, at Athens, Vt.; Ida May (3d child of Hollis J.), b. June 10, 1869, m. Nov. 10, 1887, Chas. E. Wellman, b. Mar. 10, 1863, in Jamaica, Vt.—two children: Irene A., b. Sept. 12, 1896, and Alice E., b. Oct. 11, 1902. After Hollis J.'s death, which was caused by his falling from a ladder, his widow m. Joseph H. Barrett, and when he d. she m. Jotham Whitcomb, her fourth husband, who survives her. 4. *Jonas Galusha*, b. Jan. 20, 1821; d. Aug. 10, 1864; m. at Manchester, N. H., Sept. 1, 1844, Sarah Lee Otis, b. May 13, 1819; d. Sept. 22, 1890; dau. of Thomas and Polly (Lee), and had Sarah Frances, b. Nov. 11, 1849, who is usually called "Fannie S.," unm.; George Clarence, b. Jan. 26, 1852, unm.; William Herbert, b. Mar. 28, 1859, m. June 25, 1894, Nellie E. Hennegan, b. in London, Eng., Mar. 7, 1869, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary. William H. lives in Dorchester. These three children were b. in Salmon Falls, N. H. 5. *Zenas D.*, b. July 29, 1823; d. at Grafton, Vt., Apr. 12, 1895; m. Mary S. Welch in 1853 at Lowell, Mass. She was b. Aug. 6, 1822, in Nashua, N. H. They had (a) William W., b. Sept. 3, 1855; m. Mar. 26, 1879, Zelia S. Park and had Nell E., b. Dec. 27, 1881, and Leonard P., b. Dec. 4, 1896. (b) Charles L., b. Feb. 17, 1862; m. Sept. 6, 1888, Carrie L. Gifford of Elgin, Ill., and had Hazel H., b. Nov. 11, 1890, and Gifford M., b. Aug. 14, 1896. 6. *Mary A.*, b. Apr. 18, 1826; d. Apr. 22, 1842, in Manchester, N. H. 7. *Elvira C.*, b. Jan. 13, 1830; d. Oct 15, 1884; m. Feb., 1857, Christopher Harris. 8.

*George Kimball*, b. in Acton, Vt., Feb. 7, 1834; m. Jan. 1, 1866, Mary Boynton, b. July 1, 1835; d. Mar. 6, 1911; dau. of Samuel and Lovina (Baker). They had Walter C., b. Jan. 3, 1867, and Ernest, b. July 15, 1874, m. Carrie Hutchins, and has two children—Willie and Marion. 9. *Lucian*, b. Nov. 23, 1836; d. May 6, 1899; m. June, 1857, David Stiles, b. Aug., 1830; d. July 15, 1910. Concerning Squire Holden, his grandson, Arthur J., writes as follows:

“I am not positive as to the birthplace of Squire Holden, but have the impression that he was born on the old farm, with the buildings since gone to decay, but even now more valuable than ever on account of its timber growth, located on the hills in what was formerly the Town of Acton, now a part of Townshend, Vt., where he took Lucy Chaffin as his bride, for their home and where all their children were born and reared, where they lived, wrought and died and near which, on the western slope of the old hill Jordan, stands a little country graveyard, within which two white marble slabs, side by side, mark their final resting place on earth; which has by deed, inheritance and device remained in possession of the Holden family down to the present time; being now owned by my sister, Mrs. Charles E. Wellman and myself as tenants in common. The old farm was also my birthplace.”

51 v. **JOEL**, b. abt. 1800; d. in Ottawa Co., O.

vi, vii. **SAMUEL** and **ISAAC** were two other sons of Samuel and Abigail. Not very much is known of them. Samuel lived in Canada. One of the sons, and it was probably Samuel, engaged in the business of smuggling goods between Canada and the United States, and was shot and killed while so engaged. Isaac in his young days was much in England. He once gave to one of his sisters a chest that he brought from that country. His sister gave it to a nephew, Isaac Whitney, whose widow still has it in her possession. George Kimball, son of Candace Cecilia and grandson of Samuel and Abigail, said that his mother told him she had besides the brothers named above, another brother whose name was George, who died in Canada about the time of the War of 1812. Other descendants of Samuel do not remember about any George, and it is possible George

Kimball may have confounded him with Samuel, the smuggler.

viii. CANDACE CECILIA, b. 1805; d. Dec. 30, 1849, in Manchester, N. H. She was adopted early by Robt. B. Thomas of the "Old Farmer's Almanac" notoriety, and was m. at his house in West Boylston, Mass., Jan. 6, 1831, to George W. Kimball, b. in Reading, Vt., 1797; d. in Manchester, N. H., Aug. 8, 1848. They had 1. *George Thomas*, b. in West Boylston, Feb. 6, 1833, and was drowned in the Merrimac river at Amoskeag Falls, N. H., May 16, 1839. 2. *William Chaffin*, b. in W. B., Nov. 21, 1835; d. unm., Nov. 7, 1894, in Manchester, N. H. He was in the Civil War, enlisted in Co. C, Fifth N. Y. Heavy Artillery. 3. *Ormond Dutton*, b. May 11, 1838, in Manchester; m. 1st, Nov. 10, 1875, Clara A. Holt of Holden, Mass., b. Sept. 3, 1833; d. July 6, 1877; dau. of Joab S. and Clarissa. He m. 2d Oct. 4, 1884, Mrs. Myra Burbank, dau. of Samuel and Eliza (Gray) of Jackson, N. H.; no children. Ormond enlisted in Co. C, Fifth U. S. Cavalry, and Co. C, First N. H. Heavy Artillery. Of his war service he writes interestingly as follows:

"During my service I had rare opportunities of meeting some of the most prominent generals of both North and South, having enlisted in Texas in 1860, after the Indians had killed my partner and slaves on a cattle ranch we had purchased and had just settled on. The Indians having run off all the stock, and burned the cabin with all the wealth it contained, I wanted to 'get satisfaction.' The commander of the regiment was Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee, and the Senior Major was George H. Thomas. Nearly all the officers of the regiment were given high positions in one or the other of the armies. My corporal's warrant was signed by Lee, and my sergeant's by Thomas. They are on parchment and I have them yet." 4. *George*, b. in Manchester, May 9, 1840; d. Apr. 2, 1843. 5. *Edward Payson*, b. June 16, 1844; d. unm., Mar. 24, 1907. He enlisted for the Civil War in Co. K, First N. H. Heavy Artillery. He was a newspaper writer and held important positions in Haverhill, Springfield, Worcester and Boston.

**TILLA** (*Samuel 5*), b. May 14, 1762, in Holden, Mass., and d. there Sept. 1, 1838. He was a Revolutionary soldier; a private in Capt. John Morgan's Co. detached from militia of Hampshire and Worcester counties to guard stores at Springfield and Brookfield; enlisted Dec. 27, 1777; disch. July 1, 1778; service six mos., four days. He was also in Capt. Joseph McNall's Co., Lieut.-Col. Samuel Pierce's regt.; enl. May 17, 1779; service 1 mo., 18 days, at Tiverton, R. I.

Tilla m. Dec. 15, 1785, Hannah Mirick of Holden, b. Nov. 4, 1765; d. Nov. 17, 1856; dau. of Elisha and Persis (Moore). Children—birth records from Tilla's family Bible:

- i. **BETSEY**, b. Feb. 15, 1787; d. June 29, 1869; m. Apr. 11, 1805, Joseph Dodd, b. Sept. 15, 1786; d. 1823; son of James and Hannah (Morse). Their children, b. in Holden, Mass., were 1. *Silas*, b. late in 1805, who went to Texas and probably d. there. 2. *Lucy*, b. 1806; d. 1895; m. Mar. 8, 1827, Daniel Knowlton, Jr., and had Frederick Warren, b. Nov. 5, 1828, d. July 31, 1832; Jeremiah Blake, b. Feb. 25, 1830, d. Mar. 30, 1830; Daniel Waldo, b. June 19, 1831; William Frederick, b. June 1, 1833; Charles Franklin, b. Aug. 17, 1835; d. Mar. 12, 1837; Charles Harrison, b. Nov. 22, 1838; Caroline Elizabeth, b. Dec. 24, 1839; Franklin Augustus, b. Dec. 15, 1841; George Dodd, b. May 12, 1844; Marion Lucinda, b. Oct. 18, 1848, ten children in all. The 3d child of Joseph and Betsey was *Caroline*, b. abt. 1810; d. abt. 1907; m. July 5, 1830, Benedict A. Handy, lived in New York and left one dau. at her death. 4. *Mary*, who, as Mr. Edwin Dodd reports, m. a White and lived in the West. 5. *Elisha*, b. Jan. 17, 1813, lived in Jersey City and d. there abt. 1870, leaving a widow and a son. 6. *Charles*, b. Mar. 13, 1815; d. July 20, 1895; m. Nov. 27, 1838, Lucinda Drake Harrington, b. Oct. 4, 1817; d. Jan. 1, 1886, and they had Charles H., b. Jan. 20, 1855; Fannie E. (m. Kinney), b. Nov. 16, 1858, d. June 5, 1906; Frederic Merton, b. July 24, 1862, d. Sept. 5, 1863; all b. in Paxton, Mass. 7. *Joseph Hartwell*, b. Oct. 20, 1823; his father dying at that time, in 1827 his mother took him to Princeton after her second mar-

riage; then, in 1853 or 4 he m. Martha Ellen Burr of Leicester, Mass., and lived in Worcester until his death, Aug. 23, 1895. Their children were Chas. Heman, b. 1855; Edwin Merrick, b. 1857; George Tucker, b. 1861.

Three or four years after the death of her husband the mother of these seven children, Mrs. Betsey Dodd, m., Apr. 26, 1827, Luther Whittaker of Princeton, Mass. They had no children and he d. Oct. 29, 1874.

- ii. PERSIS, b. Dec. 12, 1789; d. Dec. 6, 1870; m. Nov. 30, 1809, Peter Farrar of Holden. Their children, *Ward C., Lucy, Persis, Samuel C., Amory and Henry*. *Lucy* m. a Ware; *Persis* m. a Stone. *Samuel C.* was b. July 17, 1818; d. June 21, 1848; m. Mar. 4, 1840, Sarah A. Belknap, dau. of Joseph and Zubiah, b. Feb. 17, 1820; d. Mar. 18, 1845. They had a son, *Emory*, b. Apr. 21, 1844. One child of *Samuel C.* d. Feb. 26, 1844. *Samuel C.* and *Abigail* lived in Princeton, Mass. *Peter Farrar's son, Amory*, was b. in Princeton, May 10, 1823.
- 52     iii. SAMUEL, b. May 5, 1792; d. July 17, 1845.
- iv. SILAS, b. June 7, 1794; d. Oct. 27, 1794.
- v. TILLA, b. Feb. 11, 1796; d. Jan. 17, 1866; m. (int.) Mar. 7, 1829, Sarah Foster of Roxbury, b. Oct. 10, 1777; d. Feb. 5, 1857. *Tilla* m. 2d, Nov. 23, 1857, Maria A. Pratt of Worcester, dau. of Elnathan and Cornelia. she d. July 30, 1897. No children by either marriage.
- 53     vi. ELISHA, b. June 10, 1798; d. July 9, 1879.
- vii. NANCY, b. Jan. 25, 1801; d. May 3, 1885, unm.
- viii. LOUISA, b. Nov. 4, 1803; d. Jan. 22, 1868; m. Oct. 26, 1824, Phineas T. Bartlett, b. Apr. 18, 1797, son of Artemas and Priscilla (Boyden). They had 1. *Mary Louisa*, b. Nov. 23, 1824. 2. *Sarah Maria*, b. June 3, 1827; d. Aug. 14, 1829. 3. *John Prentice*, b. 1840; d. Feb. 11, 1845. 4. *Edward Payson*, b. Mar. 24, 1842; d. Feb. 24, 1845. The Bartletts resided in Newton, Mass.
- ix. SARAH, b. Sept. 22, 1806; d. Feb. 8, 1901; m. Nov. 27, 1826, John Richardson of Holden, b. July 15, 1805; son of Heman and Mary; d. June 21, 1882. Children: 1. *John Dexter*, b. June 6, 1828; m. Dec. 21, 1859, Hannah W. Davis, b. in Princeton, June 28, 1835; d. in Holden, Apr. 12, 1870; dau. of Samuel and Sally. They had Frank, b. Mar. 3, 1861, m. June 2, 1888,

Ethel Hale Davis, and had Harry, b. Dec. 11, 1865. John D. m. 2d, in Princeton, Nov. 30, 1871, Sarah Clark Davis, b. in P., Nov. 10, 1840; dau. of Samuel and Sally. 2. *George Nelson*, b. Sept. 3, 1829; d. Feb. 27, 1911; m. Jan. 5, 1856, Elizabeth Woodard, b. June 28, 1831; dau. of Roland and Rachel of Hubbardston, Mass. 3. *Sarah Louise*, b. June 11, 1834; m. Jan. 5, 1857, Joseph H. Warren, b. Apr. 26, 1826, in Pepperell, Mass.; son of Edmund and Sarah.

## 21

NATHAN (*Samuel* 5), b. Apr. 12, 1764; d. suddenly Oct. 16, 1847; m. Sept. 17, 1788, Hannah Cheney, b. Aug. 8, 1768; d. Oct. 26, 1843; dau. of Josiah and Thankful (Clark) of Medfield, Mass. They lived in Holden. Children:

- 54 i. NATHAN, b. Dec. 29, 1788; d. Oct., 1830.
- ii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 24, 1791; d. May 12, 1817, in Grafton, Mass.; m. Oct. 18, 1815, Gabriel F. Wheeler of Grafton.
- iii. SIMON, b. March 5, 1793.
- iv. LUCY, b. Apr. 23, 1795; m. Apr. 21, 1818, Charles Pierce, b. Mar. 25, 1792; son of David and Hannah (Wheeler).
- 55 v. DAVID, b. Sept. 10, 1798; d. Jan. 23, 1829.
- vi. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 10, 1798; d. May 18, 1861.
- vii. SÉRAPHINA, b. Aug. 27, 1800; d. Oct. 7, 1866, in Shutesbury, Mass.; m. May 6, 1840, Archibald Crossett of Shutesbury. She was his 2d wife. No children.
- viii. ELIZA, b. Feb. 28, 1807; d. May 21, 1879; m. Dec. 31, 1829, Lyman Flagg, b. Nov. 30, 1805; d. Mar. 11, 1836; son of Silas and Sally (Winch). Children: 1. *Clarissa C.*, b. Sept. 5, 1830; m. Feb. 13, 1849, Charles F. Damon and had Ella Amelia, b. Jan. 11, 1850, d. May 2, 1853, and Charles Augustus, b. July 18, 1852, d. Aug. 5, 1854. 2. *Sabrina*, b. Aug. 27, 1831. 3. *Lucy French*, b. Jan. 25, 1833; m. Charles Partridge of Paxton. 4. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 25, 1835; d. Sept. 16, 1889; m. Sept. 12, 1861, Norton F. Thomas, his 2d wife, and they had Georgia Anna, b. Dec. 7, 1862, d. Mar. 18, 1905; and Frank C., b. May 30, 1864, m. Isabelle Nesbit, b. 1870 in London, Eng. Eliza, after her husband's death, m. Moses Thurston of Vermont

and had three sons and two daughters, one son, Alvin Thurston, living.

ix. CLARISSA, b. Jan. 2, 1809; d. May 15, 1860.

56 x. JOSEPH CHENEY, b. Mar. 11, 1812; d. Jan. 7, 1877.

## 22

JOEL (*Samuel 5*), b. Jan. 13, 1766, in Holden, Mass.; d. Apr. 2, 1829. Soon after his marriage he settled in Walpole, N. H., and lived and died there. He was a carpenter and for a quarter of a century was the leading contractor and workman at that trade. He used to frame his buildings by what was then called the "scribe" rule, where every part was fitted and scribed, or marked for a certain place, before raising. Many of the old buildings of the town are the silent witnesses of his handiwork. Eventually he became a farmer. On Feb. 2, 1806, Joel and his wife united with the church in Walpole, Rev. Thomas Fessenden being pastor. Joel met his death by being run over by an ox-team.

On Jan. 20, 1791, he m. Olive Stickney, b. Dec. 2, 1765; d. Nov. 21, 1843: dau. of Moses and Abigail (Hale). Children:

57 i. ROYAL H., b. Aug. 2, 1793; d. Nov. 30, 1881.

ii. PHEBE SMITH, b. June 3, 1796; m. Jan. 12, 1823, Albert Locke. They lived a few years in Walpole and then removed to Saratoga, N. Y. They had children: 1. *Amanda*, and 2. *Hubbard*. Phebe d. and Mr. Locke m. a 2d time. He d. Nov. 29, 1880, at Fort Edward, N. Y.

iii. POLLY HUBBARD, b. Oct. 30, 1797; m. Apr. 6, 1815, Thomas Wilder. About 1843 they moved to Worcester, where she d. abt. 1860, he dying about the same time. He was b. May 13, 1791, son of Peter and Tamar of Brattleboro, Vt. They had 1. *Louisa*, who m. William T. Farr and had a son, George W. She was b. abt. 1814, and d. abt. 1860, she and her mother being buried at the same time. 2. *Hubbard*, unm.; thrown from a carriage and killed June 5, 1842. 3. *Henry*, m. Cynthia Kendall in Woonsocket, R. I., and had Edith, William and an infant; all are dead. He was killed by a R. R. train in Brooklyn. 4. *George Chaffin*, m. Sarah Arnold in Woonsocket and had Ella and Hattie. 5. *Charles W.*, b. Feb. 5, 1829, in Wal-

pole; m. Nov. 8, 1850, Charlotte Marcella Chaffin, dau. of Charles Chandler and Elizabeth (Bailey), b. Dec. 29, 1833. Charles W. d. May 18, 1856, in Cochrane, Ind. It is to be noted that three of these Wilder children were killed by accident.

58 iv. WILLARD STICKNEY, b. Mar. 24, 1799; d. Apr. 12, 1831.  
 59 v. CHARLES CHANDLER, b. Jan. 12, 1807; d. Feb. 19, 1881, in Chicago.

## 23

JOHN (*Samuel 5*), b. July 1, 1774, in Rutland, Mass.; d. July 27, 1854; m. Sept. 23, 1801, Betsey Mirick, b. Jan. 25, 1780; d. Jan. 27, 1860, dau. of Elisha and Persis. John lived in Holden, Mass. Children, b. in Holden, Mass.:

i. MELONA, b. Sept. 6, 1803; m. Jan. 7, 1835, Ralph E. Bigelow of Paxton and they had a son, *Fred A.*  
 60 ii. HOLLIS, b. Oct. 9, 1807; d. Nov. 10, 1888, in Rindge, N. H.  
 61 iii. MOORE MIRICK, b. Oct. 8, 1809; d. Aug. 6, 1869.  
 iv. LUCY, b. Sept. 22, 1817; d. Sept. 18, 1820.  
 62 v. JOHN EMERSON, b. Feb. 27, 1825.

## 24

JONAS (*Samuel 5*), b. July 29, 1776, in Holden, Mass.; d. Sept. 24, 1847; m. in Holden, Aug. 2, 1801, Jerusha Dodds, b. Aug. 10, 1778; d. Dec. 24, 1821. They lived in Holden. Children:

63 i. CHARLES, b. Dec. 22, 1801; d. 1877, in Dudley, N. C.  
 ii. ELIZA, b. Aug. 10, 1803; d. Nov. 16, 1803.  
 iii. MARY, b. Sept. 23, 1804; m. Nov. 5, 1834, Wallace Clark in Holden. Children: 1. *Mary Stockwell*, b. July 22, 1838; d. Jan. 8, 1839. 2. *George F.*, b. Oct., 1843; d. Nov. 29, 1845. 3. *George F.*, b. Aug. 30, 1846; d. Sept. 13, 1846.  
 iv. GEORGE, b. Nov. 17, 1806; d. Feb. 17, 1808.  
 v. ELIZA, b. June 17, 1811; m. (int.) Oct. 12, 1832, William J. Callum. Children: 1. *George*, b. May 12, 1838. 2. *William Jones*, b. Apr. 1, 1841. 3. *Emma Adella*, b. Oct. 12, 1844.  
 vi. CATHERINE, b. July 10, 1814; m. Sept. 9, 1839, Luther Stockwell of Millbury, Mass. Children: 1. *Mary*

*Hayward*, b. June 4, 1840. 2. *Lucian L.*, b. July 27, 1845. 3. *Loring Stiles*, b. Oct. 24, 1846.

vii. *LUCY*, b. Oct. 13, 1815; d. May 2, 1855; m. May 19, 1836, Manning Humes of Douglass, Mass. They went to Utah. Children: 1. *Jonas Willard*, b. Apr. 28, 1844. 2. *Caroline Amelia*, b. Oct. 18, 1846. 3. *Herbert Manning*, b. Aug. 28, 1848. 4. *Franklin*, d. May, 1867.

64 viii. *JONAS*, b. July 17, 1820; d. Oct. 6, 1864, in West Boylston, Mass.

## 25

DAVID (*Timothy 6*), b. in Holden, Mass., Oct. 7, 1761; d. July 25, 1838, in Claremont, N. H. He was a soldier of the Revolution and became a pensioner after the war. In the application for his pension it is stated that he was one of the guards of Major André and within ten feet of him when he was executed at Tappan, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1780. He enlisted as a substitute for his father, who was drafted, and joined Capt. Nathaniel Carter's Co., Col. Job Cushing's (Worcester Co.) Regt., Sept. 7, 1777 (then not quite 16 years old), and discharged Oct. 22; service 1 mo., 24 days including travel at the northward; marched to Bennington, Stillwater, and there joined the main army and was at Burgoyne's surrender; roll dated Leominster. He was also a Fatigue man under Capt. Henry Wilson three months at Castle William and Governor's Island. He enlisted June 25, 1778, in Capt. Benj. Edgell's Co. and again Capt. Eli Jackson's Co., Col. John Jacob's Regt., and was also on a muster roll dated Freetown, Sept. 13, 1778, the enlistment to expire on Jan. 1, 1779. He was on a "List of men to reinforce the Continental Army for six months, age 18, stature 5 feet, 9 inches, complexion light, residence Ashburnham, Mass.; arrived in Springfield July 1, 1780, and marched to camp the next day; discharged Dec. 14, 1780." It was during this period of service that he was one of the guards of Maj. André.

Later than this David was on a "List of men for six months service"; passed muster in a return dated Camp Totaway, Oct. 25, 1780. Even at this time, after three years of service, he had



ANNA CHAFFIN LEWIS



barely reached the age of 19 years, being born Oct. 7, 1761, a Revolutionary service reflecting great credit to him.

David appears to have been living in Ashburnham, Mass., during the period of his Revolutionary service, but about 1781 he moved to Claremont, N. H. He m. 1st, Aug. 23, 1787, Lucy Rice, b. May 22, 1765; d. Jan. 24, 1822, in Claremont; dau. of Silas and Copia Broughton. Children:

- i. LUCY, b. July 2, 1790; d. May 25, 1806.
- 65 ii. JOHN, b. Jan., 1792; d. Dec. 5, 1864.
- iii. DAVID, b. probably 1794; d. before 1830; went to N. Y. State and d. unm.
- iv. POLLY, b. Aug. 27, 1796; d. July 5, 1812.
- v. EUNICE, b. 1798; d. Oct. 6, 1844; unm.

David, Sr., m. 2d, Sept. 16, 1824, Mrs. Sally (Davis) Allen, b. 1774; d. July 13, 1831.

## 26

LEVI (*Timothy 6*), b. May 24, 1765; d. March 16, 1812, in Claremont, N. H.; m. Nov. 13, 1790, Chloe Tolman, b. 1767; d. Feb. 10, 1851. At the time of his death his residence was Cornish, N. H. Children, born in Claremont:

- i. CHLOE, b. Jan. 6, 1792; d. Jan. 13, 1792.
- 66 ii. LYMAN, b. Feb. 5, 1793; d. Feb. 3, 1863.
- iii. BETSY, b. March 13, 1795; d. March 31, 1795.
- iv. LEVI, b. Mar. 16, 1796; d. before the next Levi's birth.
- v. LEVI, b. May, 1797; d. Nov. 17, 1798.
- vi. CHLOE, b. July 28, 1798; d. in Enfield, N. H., with the Shakers.
- vii. CHARLOTTE, b. June 18, 1801; d. Dec. 6, 1867, in Enfield with the Shakers. She and Chloe were prominent members of the Shaker community.
- viii. NANCY, b. Feb. 1, 1804.
- ix. LUCY, b. Oct. 6, 1809, in Cornish; d. Apr. 25, 1842, in Enfield.

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JOHN (*Timothy 6*), b. Aug. 19, 1776, in Claremont, N. H.; d. Feb. 6, 1852, in Buckfield, Me. He moved from Claremont to Buckfield not long after the birth of his first child, about 1803. He m. Dec. 1, 1799, Nancy Dow of Goffstown, N. H., b. Aug. 28,

1780; d. Apr. 10, 1852, soon after her husband's death. He was a carpenter, builder and pump-maker by trade. A great granddaughter describes him as "tall, slim, sandy haired, intelligent, and as an old man dignified and courteous." Hon. John D. Long, who was born in Buckfield and knew him, says he was a "quaint and original character," and he tells the following story of him, which he says "was very familiar in Buckfield in my boyhood. One day he went down the cellar stairs with a pitcher for cider. On the way down he fell and nearly broke his neck, but held the pitcher aloft and saved it. His wife, hearing the noise, sang out, 'Mr. Chaffin, have you broke that pitcher?' He, angry at her caring more for the pitcher than for his neck, sang back, 'No, but by —— I will,' and dashed it to pieces against the cellar wall."

Holman day, a Maine poet, has dressed up this incident in his poem, "Aunt Shaw's Pet Jug." He disguises the actors in it under the names of Uncle Nathan and Aunt Shaw. He describes how Uncle Nathan, at half past four in the afternoon would

"Take the big blue jug from the but'ry shelf  
And trot down cellar, to draw himself  
Old cider enough to last him through  
The winter ev'nin'. Two quarts would do."

As often as he did this he would hear Aunt Shaw's complaint:

"Now Nathan, for goodness' sake take care!  
You allus trip on the second stair;  
It seems as though you were just possessed  
To break that jug. It's the very best  
There is in town and you know it, too;  
And 'twas left to me by my great-Aunt Sue.  
For goodness' sake why don't yer lug  
A tin dish down, for ye'll break that jug?"

"One day he slipped on that second stair,  
Whirled round and grabbed at the empty air,  
And clean to the foot of them stairs, ker-smack,  
He bumped on the bulge of his humped old back,  
And he'd hardly finished the final bump  
When old Aunt Shaw she giv' a jump  
And screamed down stairs as mad's a bug,  
'Dod-rot your hide, did ye break my jug?'  
Poor Uncle Nathan lay there flat,  
Knocked in the shape of an old cocked hat.  
But he rubbed his legs, brushed off the dirt  
And found after all that he wasn't much hurt.  
And he'd saved the jug, for his last wild thought  
Had been of that; he might have caught  
At the cellar shelves and saved his fall,  
But he kept his hands on the jug through all.



ABBY A. LEWIS



FREDERIKA N. LEWIS





And now as he loosed his jealous hug,  
 His wife just screamed, 'Did ye break my jug?'  
 Not a single word for his poor old bones;  
 Not a word when she heard his awful groans.  
 Old Uncle Nathan he let one roar,  
 And he shook his fist at the cellar door;  
 'Did ye break my jug?' she was yellin' still.  
 'No, durn your pelt, but I swow I will.'  
 And you'd thought that the house was a-going to fall  
 When the old jug smashed on the cellar wall."

The children of John and Nancy were as follows:

i. HENRIETTA R. DE ALBRA, b. Nov. 29, 1800, in Claremont, N. H.; d. July 7, 1885; m. 1st in Buckfield, July 7, 1835, Jonathan Buck, who d. Jan. 17, 1849. They lived in Buckfield, Me., and had: 1. *Henrietta De Albra*, b. Oct. 3, 1838; m. in 1856, Daniel Fletcher, b. Oct. 15, 1831. He was a farmer of Canton, Me., and lived in West Peru, Me. They had Everett Bicknell, b. Feb. 7, 1858, m. 1880, Cora Knights and had four children; Josephine Maude, b. Apr. 21, 1860, m. Jan. 1, 1881, Oscar Delano; no children; Clifton Keith, b. Mar. 25, 1876, d. July 7, 1876. 2. *Josephine*, b. 1840; d. 1843. 3. *Louisa Ann*, b. May 17, 1845; m. Jan. 1, 1865, John Gilman Rowe Buck, a distant relative of her father. He was b. June 13, 1843. They had Myrtie Albra, b. Aug. 23, 1870; m. Dec. 24, 1890, Frank E. Purington; d. Mar. 30, 1896; one child, Clifton Leon, b. Sept. 10, 1881. Graduated June, 1901, from Tufts Medical College and now (1911) at the City Hospital, Boston.

Mrs. Henrietta Buck m. 2d, 1856, William Childs; d. Mar. 25, 1876.

67 ii. JOHN, b. Apr. 30, 1804; d. June 26, 1848, in Boston.  
 iii. ANNA, b. Sept. 16, 1807; d. Aug. 22, 1894, in Cambridge, Mass.; m. June 10, 1830, in Boston, Henry Prentiss Lewis, b. June 21, 1807, in Marblehead, Mass. She was a woman of exceptional ability, sound judgment and a fine attractive character. Mr. Lewis was for many years a book printer and publisher in Spring Lane, Boston. In 1849 the family moved to Cambridge. Children: 1. *Abby A.*, b. June 28, 1834. 2. *Edwin Buckingham*, b. June 21, 1836; d. July 24, 1861, unm. 3. *Fredericka Nicholls*, b. Apr. 16, 1839; d. Nov. 29, 1906, Thanksgiving Day, unm. Her friends who knew her best report her as a rare spirit.

Although from early years a victim of tuberculosis of the hip, she never seemed an invalid in looks or manner, but always showed a beautiful, sunny disposition. She was greatly interested in the Chaffin genealogy and, as stated in the preface to this book, she and her sister collected many important data which but for them would have remained unnoticed.

68 iv. RODNEY, b. Dec. 12, 1808; d. May 11, 1886.

69 v. GEORGE GRANVILLE, b. June 30, 1812; d. Feb. 21, 1888.

vi. HANNAH ANGELINE, b. Feb. 25, 1816; d. Apr. 26, 1903, in Wolfboro, N. H.; m. Apr. 19, 1835, in Boston, George W. Furbur of Wolfboro, b. Feb. 10, 1814; d. Sept. 23, 1874. They lived in Wolfboro, N. H. Children: 1. *Nancy Jane*, b. May 22, 1837; d. July 19, 1908, in Alton, Vt.; m. June 6, 1858, Alonzo S. French of Alton, b. May 26, 1834; d. Oct. 11, 1911; no children. 2. *Alzina Burnham*, b. Oct. 30, 1839; m. March 15, 1865, Sewall H. Parker of Wolfboro, who d. Jan. 26, 1911; residence Farmington, N. H. They had Franklin, b. Mar., 1866, and Ralph, b. Aug., 1870. 3. *George Franklin*, b. Apr. 16, 1842; d. May 11, 1909, in Haverhill, Mass.; m. Aug. 27, 1866, Lizzie McCarney of Montreal, Can. They had Cora, b. June 7, 1868; Freddie, b. June 22, 1870, d. Nov. 17, 1877; George Neal, b. Nov. 27, 1871, d. Dec. 2, 1877; Mary Abby, b. Jan. 6, 1872; Nellie, b. Oct. 31, 1876; George S., b. Sept. 15, 1878; Flossie, b. Feb. 2, 1880; William, b. Apr. 26, 1881. 4. *Cyrus Dow*, b. Aug. 31, 1844; m. Sept. 17, 1872, Mrs. Abby Knight of Stoneham, Mass. 5. *Anna Louise*, b. July 18, 1849; d. Oct. 22, 1895, in Haverhill, Mass.; m. George H. Leighton of Haverhill. No heirs. 6. *Henry Herbert*, b. Jan. 4, 1851; m. May 11, 1876, Nellie Durgin. 7. *Mary Abbie*, b. Sept. 25, 1853; d. May 19, 1873, unm. 8. *Eliza Rust*, b. Dec. 25, 1854; m. Mayhew Clark, Dec. 25, 1879. 9. *Cora May*, b. Nov. 11, 1858; m. Nov. 16, 1886, Rev. Frank K. Libby, an Advent preacher. Lived in Rochester, N. H. No children. 10. *Edwin Lewis*, b. Aug. 31, 1860; m. 1st, Nov. 16, 1886, Nellie Parker and had Alice, b. Mar. 9, 1889. Nellie d. Nov. 28, 1893, and he m. 2d, Nov. 18, 1895, Mrs. Annie E. Jerome.

70 viii. ADONIRAM, b. Sept. 6, 1819; d. Aug. 8, 1907.

## FOURTH GENERATION

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JOHN (*Jonathan 7*) b. in Acton, Mass., Oct. 16, 1779, in the old John Chaffin house; d. Dec. 15, 1847. There, in the house his grandfather built, his eleven children were born. A picture of this house may be seen in the appendix of this book. All were born in the room at the right as one enters the front door, and in that room John and his wife, Naomi, John Jr., and Martha died. They and most of the children are buried in Woodlawn cemetery in Acton. In this cemetery lie the remains of a large number of the Chaffins.

John Chaffin was a farmer, living on the old John Chaffin place in Acton. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He m. probably early in 1800, Naomi Chessman of Braintree, Mass., b. Feb. 8, 1781; d. at Acton May 6, 1867; dau. of Noah and Mary. She was a cripple for many years from a broken hip, and forced to use crutches for over 20 years, and she fell again and broke her leg just above the knee when 80 years old. She was in bed three months afterwards but lived to be 86 years old. Children, born in Acton:

- i. NAOMI, b. Dec. 29, 1800; d. Apr. 6, 1836, at Randolph, Mass.; m. July 10, 1821, Benj. Kennedy, 3d, at Randolph, b. abt. 1798; d. Mar. 28, 1886. They had 1. *Naomi*, b. Nov. 7, 1821; d. Mar. 7, 1838. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 14, 1823; d. Sept. 14, 1825. 3. *Julia Ann*, b. June 23, 1826; d. Sept. 17, 1857; m. Charles Newell, b. Aug. 20, 1821, d. Mar. 23, 1907, and had Clara, b. July 20, 1853, d. Dec. 5, 1872, and Julia Ann, b. Sept. 3, 1857, m. Oct. 10, 1883, Charles Owen Morrell, b. July 9, 1859, and had Harry Edwin, b. Sept. 7, 1885, Elmer Lewis, b. June 20, 1892, d. Nov. 19, 1909, and Lester H., b. July 15, 1893. 4. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 25, 1830; d. Sept. 3, 1892; m. Lewis Harlow; lived in Monmouth, Me.—1 child, d. young. 5. *Mary Holbrook*, b. June 14, 1835; d. Apr. 7, 1912; m. Wendell

W. Winnett, and lived at Randolph, Mass. He was b. Apr. 19, 1836, and took out marriage intention Oct. 13, 1855; d. in Brockton, Mar. 4, 1902. They had no children.

- ii. MARY, b. Dec. 1, 1802; d. May 15, 1880, at Randolph; m. Sept. 18, 1828, Elisha Holbrook (so Randolph records).
- iii. CLARINDA, b. June 12, 1804; d. Apr. 20, 1840, at Sudbury; m. Apr. 25, 1839, Zina Mossman, and had 1. David, b. Mar. 29, 1840, who changed his name to George W. Mason; d. Feb. 15, 1897. He was a Civil War Veteran, enlisting in the 184th N. Y. Regiment, admitted to the Soldiers' Home in Togus, Me., but d. at Fitchburg, Mass., and his remains were taken in charge and buried in the G. A. R. lot in Forest Hill Cemetery. He had a wife, Nellie, and a daughter, Edna Lillian, who d. in Fitchburg. The reason David Mossman changed his name is this: His mother dying soon after his birth, he was taken care of by his mother's people in Acton, his father doing nothing for his support. But when he was fourteen years old and upwards, and had worked for his uncle, John Chaffin, his father kidnapped him and carried him to Maine, evidently meaning to make him work and to take his wages. But the boy escaped from his father and returned to Acton, and moved about from place to place afterwards always in fear of his father. Then to facilitate his escape, and perhaps also because he hated to bear the name of so bad a father he changed his name from David Mossman to George W. Mason.
- iv. LUCINDA, b. Mar. 22, 1806; d. Jan. 20, 1892, in Richmond, N. H.; m. June 1, 1834, Jason Holbrook, Jr., of Randolph, Mass., who d. 1848.
- 71 v. JOHN, b. May 1, 1808; d. Feb. 19, 1884.
- 72 vi. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 28, 1812; d. Aug. 16, 1882.
- 73 vii. ALFRED, b. June 11, 1814; d. Oct. 20, 1885.
- 74 viii. LEWIS, b. Aug. 25, 1816; d. Nov. 28, 1857.
- ix. NANCY, b. Sept. 22, 1819; d. Dec. 20, 1897, unm., in Acton.
- x. MARTHA, b. June 9, 1823; d. Mar. 29, 1849, unm., in Acton.
- xi. ELIZABETH, b. July 20, 1825; d. Aug. 21, 1897, in Lancaster, Mass.; m. Mar. 22, 1848, Daniel W. Hubbard. No children.

NATHAN (*Jonathan 7*), b. in Acton, Mass., Nov. 14, 1782; d. in Skowhegan, Me., Aug. 21, 1823; m. Nov. 26, 1807, Mary Wheeler, "both of Concord, Mass.," so the record states. She was b. Jan. 31, 1787; d. July 31, 1873, in Lancaster, Mass. In 1817 Nathan lived in Norridgewock, Me. Children, as recorded in the family Bible, b. in Skowhegan, Me.

i. MARY, b. Aug. 23, 1808; d. in Milwaukee, Wis., June 4, 1869; m. Mar., 1826, Justus Kirby, b. Dec. 6, 1805, in Starks, Me., son of Abner; d. in Milwaukee, July 19, 1884. They lived first in Newport, Me., then in Milwaukee. Children: 1. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 30, 1827; d. Dec., 1891. 2. *Hollis Bowman*, b. Feb. 22, 1829; d. Dec., 1872. The three following died early and were buried in a small private cemetery in Newport, Me. 3. *Sarah Augusta*, d. Dec. 26, 1836. 4. *Edward Justus*, d. Dec. 12, 1843. 5. *Sarah Maria*, d. 1842. 6. *Frederick Henry*, d. about the same time as the three just above. 7. *Eliza Ann*, b. May 7, 1843; m. Feb. 17, 1869, Warren Shields, a captain of a lake steamer, both now residing in Wauwatosa, Wis. Two children: Etta and Ada. The latter about 1908, m. Henry Hensing. 8. *Frances Maria*, b. Jan. 7, 1847; d. June 28, 1892; m. Dec. 21, 1869, Albert Foster Graham, b. Mar. 18, 1846; d. June 18, 1901. Children: Edward Justen, b. May 13, 1871; m. Sept. 18, 1895, Anna McCreathe and had Franklyn Edward, b. Aug. 30, 1902, d. Apr. 14, 1907; Horace Merrick, b. June 6, 1905, lives in Winsor, Colo. Ella Louise Graham, b. Nov. 28, 1872; m. Sept. 4, 1901, George Frederick Burroughs, b. Jan. 10, 1874, in Bishop Stortford, Eng., and have Carter Graham, b. Apr. 21, 1903; Edward Albert, b. Sept. 5, 1905; Claire Louise, b. July 27, 1909; May Frances Graham, b. Dec. 7, 1874; m. July 2, 1903, William Byron Christie, b. Mar. 7, 1876, and had Marion Irene, b. May 6, 1904; Mabel Eleanor, b. Oct. 11, 1906; Warren Byron, b. Jan. 2, 1912; Warren Albert Graham, b. Dec. 13, 1879; m. June 20, 1906, Viola C. Ehlman, b. June 22, 1877. They reside in Waupaca, Wis. 9. *Katie Augusta*, b. Aug. 11, 1850; d. Aug., 1874; m. June, 1870, Fred Crocker; one child, Ida, m. a Mr. Hussey, a den-

tist, who d. a few years ago. Mrs. Hussey lives in Joplin, Mo.

ii. **SARAH**, b. May 4, 1810; d. June 25, 1901, in Skowhegan, Me.; m. Mar. 27, 1833, Joseph Palmer Ward, son of Timothy and Hannah (Russell), a carpenter and farmer, b. in Madison, Me., July 8, 1811, and d. there Sept. 1, 1846. Children: 1. *Ellen*, b. June 26, 1836; d. Sept. 1, 1837. 2. *Ellen Frances*, b. June 25, 1838; d. Aug. 19, 1862; m. Geo. Fillebrown, who is dead. 3. *William Henry*, b. Dec. 29, 1840; m. Sept. 23, 1872, Susan E. Parker, b. Oct. 10, 1848, in Leicester, Mass.; dau. of Artemus H. and Susan E. (Pierce), and had Winnie Mabel, b. Aug. 10, 1874, d. Oct. 4, 1874; Walter N., b. July 17, 1875; Wallace W., b. Sept. 1, 1878, d. Mar. 30, 1883; Ethel C., b. July 20, 1880; Estelle P., b. Mar. 14, 1883; Wilder W., b. Apr. 9, 1885. 4. *Sumner Chaffin*, b. May 26, 1842; m. Oct. 4, 1865, Hannah E. Lawton, dau. of Asa and Hannah, b. Mar. 1, 1840; d. Apr. 4, 1897. They had Mary E., b. Aug. 25, 1866, a teacher in the Agassiz School in Boston, Mass.; and Sadie M., b. Jan. 11, 1873.

Mrs. Joseph P. Ward m. 2d, about 1850, Luke Brown.

iii. **NATHAN**, b. June 26, 1811; d. Jan. 28, 1815.

75 iv. **SUMNER**, b. Aug. 5, 1814; d. May 3, 1878.

76 v. **ABEL WHEELER**, b. Nov. 29, 1816; d. Nov. 25, 1890.

77 vi. **NATHAN**, b. June 26, 1819; d. Dec. 5, 1862.

vii. **ELIZA ANN**, b. Dec. 13, 1820; now, 1912, alive in Santa Rosa, Cal.; m. 1st, Apr. 5, 1838, Levi W. Damon of Grafton, Mass. Children: 1. *Charlotte Maria*, b. Feb. 20, 1842; m. Oct. 1, 1861, Legrand Ellsworth, d. Dec. 17, 1908. 2. *Henry Willard*, b. Sept. 9, 1844; d. June, 1854. 3. *Charles Edwin*, b. Aug. 22, 1846; m. Oct., 1874, Marian Freeman; he d. Jan. 18, 1892. 4. *Myron Henry*, b. Sept. 29, 1855; m. Feb., 1882, Maggie Churchman. He m. a 2d time and now lives at St. Helena, Cal. Mr. Damon d. and on Sept. 3, 1875, his widow m. Alexander L. Hodge, who was b. Aug. 27, 1828; d. July 9, 1908.

viii. **LYDIA MARIA**, b. Mar. 1, 1824; d. Dec. 31, 1876; m. William L. Sanderson, a tailor, residence Shirley, Mass.; b. Sept. 1, 1822; d. July 14, 1893. Children: *Ella Maria*, b. July 17, 1847; d. Apr. 17, 1854. 2. *Herbert W.*, b. Nov. 9, 1858; m. Dec. 23, 1886, Abbie

Lois Hutchins of Westford, Mass.; dau. of George and Ann, b. Nov. 15, 1864. They have Rupert Lowell, b. Mar. 1, 1888; Marion Augusta, b. Sept. 25, 1889, m. July 11, 1911, James R. George; Helen Chaffin, b. Mar. 13, 1892, d. June 13, 1896. Herbert W. is a weaver and lives at Littleton Common, Mass. 3. *Nellie Maria*, b. Dec. 29, 1860.

Nathan Chaffin's widow, Mary, m. 2d, Aug. 13, 1826, Joel Crouch, both then of Boxborough, Mass., b. 1800; d. Jan. 8, 1844, in Lancaster, Mass. They had one child, *Susan*, b. Aug. 7, 1827, d. Apr. 24, 1909, m. Mar. 31, 1847, Otis Houghton, b. in Bolton, June 7, 1821, d. Sept. 5, 1886. They had two sons, Joel O., b. Sept. 29, 1848, m. Feb. 8, 1872, Anna C. Lakin, and Myron H., b. Feb. 22, 1862, resides in Detroit, Mich. Joel resides in North Leominster, Mass.

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**JONATHAN** (*Jonathan* 7), b. in Acton, Apr. 26, 1789; d. May 18, 1861. He was a farmer living in Holden, Mass., where his children were born. He m. Apr. 3, 1823, Roxy D. Turner, b. May 22, 1799; d. Apr. 14, 1877. Children:

- i. **ANGELINE**, b. Nov. 8, 1823; m. Sept. 6, 1843, William Moore, b. Apr. 6, 1818, in Holden; son of Jona. and Lydia (Bennett). They had 1. *Dora Ange*, b. Sept. 21, 1846. 2. *Angelia Rocett*, b. Mar. 11, 1848; m. — Howe and lived in Holden. 3. *Julia Georgia*, b. Jan. 13, 1856; m. Jan. 15, 1877, John O. Abbott, who d. Oct. 17, 1877, and she m. 2d, May 31, 1886, Noyes S. Nichols. He d. Feb. 11, 1898, and she m. 3d, Aug. 31, 1901, Ernest W. Skinner of Fitchburg.
- ii. **JONES WARNER**, b. Apr. 2, 1825; d. Jan. 19, 1861; m. Apr. 5, 1852, Eliza S. Bent, dau. of Hezekiah and Mary. They lived in Worcester, Mass. She m. 2d, Sept. 30, 1863, Thomas L. Bugbee, son of Stephen and Esther.
- iii. **ROXY JANE**, b. Jan. 2, 1827; d. June 4, 1832.
- iv. **LUCY**, b. May 23, 1829; d. Sept. 11, 1860; m. Mar. 20, 1850, Norton Frank Thomas, b. Apr. 18, 1818; d. May 21, 1903. They had 1. *George F.*, b. Dec. 20, 1850; d. Nov. 29, 1862. 2. *Jones W.*, b. Aug. 11,

1859; d. Dec. 9, 1862. These children and their mother d. at Lee Center.

On Sept. 12, 1861, Norton F. Thomas m. 2d, Sarah Flagg, a first cousin to his first wife, b. Oct. 25, 1835; d. Sept. 16, 1889. They had 1. Georgia Anna, b. Dec. 7, 1862; d. Mar. 18, 1905. 2. Frank C., b. May 30, 1864; m. Sept. 3, 1895, Isabelle Nesbit, b. in London, Eng., Sept. 30, 1871. Norton F. Thomas d. and his widow m. 2d, Moses Thurston of Vermont—5 children.

78 v. **GEORGE FRANKLIN**, b. June 21, 1833; d. Oct. 15, 1859, in Holden.

vi. **DAVID**, b. Apr. 29, 1836; d. Dec. 18, 1856.

vii. **URANIA JANE**, b. Aug. 9, 1839; d. Dec. 6, 1856.

Roxy D., widow of Jonathan, m. 2d, Feb. 6, 1868, Archibald Crossett, b. 1801; d. Aug. 4, 1873, in Holden. He was b. in Thetford, Vt., son of Israel and Martha.

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**LEONARD** (*David* 8), b. Dec. 21, 1781; d. in Stowe, Mass., May 30, 1859; m. Nov. 28, 1805, Elizabeth Rice, dau. of Solomon and Mary (Binney), b. Aug. 23, 1783; d. Sept. 28, 1826. Children:

79 i. **LOUIS RICE**, b. Dec. 3, 1806, in Princeton, Mass.; d. Mar. 5, 1891, in Cedar City, Utah.

ii. **MOSES ALBERT**, b. June 20, 1809, in Princeton; d. in P., Oct. 22, 1848.

iii. **DARWIN S.**, b. June 13, 1811; d. in Boston, July 17, 1844; unm.

80 iv. **EDWIN**, b. Sept. 18, 1813, in Princeton; d. June 3, 1883, in Newton, Mass.

v. **MARY**, b. Jan. 18, 1816; d. June 26, 1867, in Framingham, Mass.; m., Jan. 11, 1840, George Warren West of Louisville, Ky., and resided in Boonville, Miss., b. Apr. 1, 1815; d. Jan. 30, 1884. They had 1. *Mary Lillie*, b. Apr. 2, 1841; m. Oct. 10, 1872, Cornelius W. Smith. 2. *Harriet Maria*, b. Nov. 5, 1842; d. Sept. 21, 1859. 3. *George Williams*, b. Sept. 17, 1844; d. the same month. 4. *Ellen Adelia*, b. Sept. 13, 1845; d. Sept. 28, 1860. 5. *Caroline*, b. June 8, 1847; m. Sept. 28, 1884, Adrian Van Helden. 6. *Anna Louise*, b. Feb. 11, 1850. 7. *George Edwin*, b. Nov. 27, 1851. 8.

*Thomas*, b. Dec. 15, 1853; m. Jan. 20, 1886, Ida H. West of St. Joseph, Mo. 9. *Alice*, b. Mar. 27, 1856; m. May 2, 1877, Edward G. Frothingham.

vi. *ADELIA*, b. June 4, 1818; d. unm., Mar. 10, 1910. She had lived in Boonville, Miss., Framingham, Newton and Haverill, Mass.

vii. *MARIA DORCAS*, b. Oct. 18, 1820; d. Mar. 28, 1889, at Newton.

81 viii. *JOHN CROWINSHIELD*, b. Apr. 17, 1823; d. Apr. 12, 1904.

ix. *ELIZABETH*, b. Mar. 2, 1826; d. June 2, 1895, in Pepperell, Mass.

Leonard m. 2d, Mrs. Mary Wright of Hollis, N. H., July 13, 1827, who d. Aug. 14, 1838, age 51 years, and had:

x. *SARAH FARLEY*, b. June 4, 1828; m. Dec. 19, 1850, Geo. T. Walcott of Stowe, Mass., and had *Geo. Leonard*, b. July 19, 1857.

Leonard m. 3d, Mar. 14, 1839, Mrs. Abigail Whitcomb of Boston. He was then living in Hollis, N. H.

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**SAMUEL** (*David* 8), b. in Acton, Mass., July 16, 1784; d. in Weston, Vt., Nov. 5, 1826. His father, David, was a soldier of the Revolution, serving about a year (see his record). Samuel's death was very sudden. He went to the pasture one Sunday morning to salt his cattle, and did not come back to breakfast. Becoming alarmed, a search was made and he was found dead in the pasture. His farm was about a mile from the village of Weston. He and his wife appear to have been devout Christians. In the old Congregational Church records, under date of Dec. 17, 1826, there is this entry: "Rev. Philetus Clark baptized Samuel Evans, Eliza Ann, Wilder Chamberlain and Christopher Page Farlee, children of Samuel and Elizabeth Chafin." The death of the father a little over a month before this probably had its influence in this dedication of the children to the service of God. For some reason Samuel considered that one of the f's in the name of Chaffin was superfluous, and he began, and continued, to write his name Chafin, as his children and grandchildren have done. On

Feb. 20, 1810, he m. Elizabeth Farley, dau. of Stephen and Mary (Shattuck), b. Sept. 15, 1785, in Hollis, N. H.; d. May 15, 1859, at East Troy, Wis. Children, b. in Weston, Vt.:

- 82 i. SAMUEL EVANS, b. Feb. 27, 1811; d. Oct. 14, 1865, at East Troy, Wis.
- ii. ELIZA ANN, b. May 30, 1812; d. Apr. 5, 1833, in Weston, Vt.
- 83 iii. WILDER CHAMBERLAIN, b. Dec. 1, 1813; d. Oct. 8, 1870, at Mukwonago, Wis.
- iv. LORENZO FARLEY, b. Apr. 19, 1815; d. Nov. 1, 1819, at Weston, Vt.
- 84 v. CHRISTOPHER PAGE FARLEY, b. Apr. 9, 1819; d. Aug. 25, 1893, at East Troy.

Samuel's widow with Samuel Evans, Wilder C., and Christopher moved to Wisconsin about 1838.

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JOEL MATTHEWS (*David* 8), b. Mar. 17, 1786, in Acton, Mass.; d. Sept. 28, 1818, in Canandaigua, N. Y.; m. 1806, Nancy Atkins. Joel M. lived for awhile in Weston, Vt., but finally moved to New York State. Children:

- i. JOEL, b. Aug. 3, 1809, in Weston, Vt.; d. Aug., 1834, in Lowell, Mass.
- 85 ii. ALONZO, b. Dec. 14, 1812; d. in Stillwater, N. Y., before 1877.
- iii. FRANKLIN, b. Jan. 21, 1819.
- iv. FREDERIC, b. May 23, 1821.

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DAVID (*David* 8), b. in Acton, Mass., Aug. 27, 1788; d. in Danversport, Mass., at his son Aaron's house, May 11, 1857. He was a farmer and settled in Landgrove, Vt., and in sight of Mt. Tabor, which is 3584 feet high. He m. Feb. 27, 1814, Mary Blood of Pepperell, Mass., b. Sept. 17, 1792; d. Feb. 19, 1870, a granddaughter of Bishop Andrews and dau. of David and Ruth (Andrews). Children, b. in Landgrove, Vt.:

- i. ELIZABETH PRESCOTT, b. Sept. 21, 1815; d. July 26, 1882, at S. Weymouth; m. in Boston, June 1, 1842, Charles



STEPHEN CHAFFIN



H. Allen, and they had 1. *Charles H.*, b. Apr. 24, 1843; d. Sept. 24, 1844. 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 30, 1845; m. 1st, Albert Hutchinson, Nov. 24, 1868, and had Charles Albert, b. Feb. 23, 1872, d. Feb. 11, 1898; May Patience, b. Oct. 20, 1873, d. Jan. 18, 1888; Allen Chaffin, b. Jan. 23, 1877, who m. June 20, 1907, Elizabeth S. Stiles, and is a high school teacher in Utica, N. Y., and Elizabeth Clementine, b. Aug. 23, 1878, m. Aug. 27, 1906, Ernest N. Stone, and had Dorothy Louise, b. June 29, 1907. Mr. Stone d. Feb. 3, 1911, and Mrs. Stone engaged again in teaching, her mother caring for the little girl. Mr. Hutchinson d. Jan. 26, 1886, and on Mar. 31, 1888, his widow m. H. E. Andrews. 3. *Emeline A.*, b. Nov. 17, 1847; d. Aug. 15, 1848. 4. *Clementine M.*, b. Feb. 13, 1851; m. Dr. Nelson Vinal Hutchinson, Aug. 10, 1869, by Rev. Aaron W. Chaffin of Hudson, N. H. Dr. Hutchinson was b. Apr. 24, 1845.

ii. **NANCY EDWARDS**, b. Aug. 1, 1819; d. Feb. 19, 1870; m. Apr. 17, 1842, in Boston, Robert Hunt, b. Jan. 12, 1815, and had 1. *Mary Whitmarsh*, b. Apr. 16, 1843. 2. *Clarence Adelbert*, b. Aug. 11, 1846. 3. *Edgar Francis*, b. Feb. 12, 1849; all b. in S. Weymouth and all are dead.

86 iii. **AARON WHEELER**, b. July 9, 1821; d. Feb. 3, 1874.

iv. **BETSEY CHAMBERLAIN**, b. Sept. 30, 1825; d. Apr. 14, 1894; m. July 16, 1842, Capt. John Kelley of Charlestown, b. July 4, 1821; d. May 4, 1847, off the coast of Africa. They had one child, George Henry, b. Feb. 17, 1844, and d. the next day. Mrs. Kelley m. 2d, Nov. 29, 1851, Henry Thomas of S. Weymouth, b. June 21, 1827; d. Nov. 25, 1899, and had 1. *Salena Sophia*, b. Aug. 26, 1853; m. Nov. 20, 1872, Frank W. Loud, b. Sept. 4, 1851, and had Fannie Adelaide, b. Dec. 25, 1877, m. Nov. 10, 1897, Frank W. Hadley; and Lena Wellman, b. July 7, 1866, m. July 19, 1911, Royal Sherman Raymond. 2. *Henry Andrew*, b. July 29, 1856; d. Apr. 4, 1901; m. Addie C. Tirrell, and had Mildred, b. July 5, 1886. Henry A. Thomas entered the postal service in Boston at the age of 16 and served continuously for 20 years, receiving several promotions until he became superintendent of mails. His long and efficient service and the personal esteem in which he was held by prominent men made him so

strong a candidate for the office of postmaster in Boston that the position was conceded to him without opposition. Soon after the second election of President Cleveland he was retired from office for political reasons. He became private secretary to Gov. Greenhalge with whom he enjoyed a close personal friendship, and for several months served in the same capacity to Gov. Wolcott. 3. *Fannie Isabel*, b. Nov. 28, 1858; m. Dec. 21, 1878, Josiah F. Martin, b. June 16, 1857, and had Charles Henry, b. Nov. 13, 1879, m. Mar. 1, 1904, Cora Ingalls Newhall; and Alfred Kenneth, b. Sept. 8, 1895. 4. *Francis Herbert*, b. Apr. 3, 1861; d. Feb. 2, 1888; m. Nov. 22, 1882, Nellie Bailey, b. Aug. 1, 1860, and had Bessie May, b. Apr. 30, 1884; m. Mar. 18, 1909, Herbert M. Bearce; and Jennie Bailey, b. Mar. 21, 1886, m. Oct. 22, 1905, Irving Stoddard.

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STEPHEN (*Stephen 9*), b. 1788 in Acton, Mass.; d. May 26, 1851, in Hampden, Me.; m. 1809, Sybil H. Spaulding, b. Nov. 4, 1793, in Norridgewock, Me.; d. May 4, 1874. Stephen was a shoe and harness maker, a great reader and a stern but just disciplinarian in bringing up his children. Lived in Norridgewock, Anson and Kingfield, Me. Children:

- i. ISABELLA, b. Oct. 2, 1813; d. Mar. 26, 1872; m. 1st, Feb. 18, 1830, Amos Lander; m. 2d, Nov. 25, 1841, in Houlton, Me., Zelotes Haskell, b. Mar. 21, 1795; d. Feb. 14, 1874. Children: 1. *Julia Chaffin*, b. Sept. 12, 1843; d. Dec. 12, 1852. 2. *Lucy B.*, b. Nov. 26, 1852; m. July 26, 1893, Andrew J. Bolton of Westminster, Mass., b. Jan. 17, 1833; d. Mar. 4, 1908.
- ii. JOHN H., b. June 21, 1815; d. Apr. 21, 1816.
- iii. JULIA A., b. Apr. 2, 1817; d. Jan. 8, 1901; m. Jan. 25, 1838, Benjamin Randlett, b. Apr. 19, 1810; d. May 23, 1887. Children: 1. *Franklin*, b. Nov. 21, 1838; d. Feb. 11, 1839. 2. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Jan. 5, 1842; d. May 14, 1885; m. May 7, 1873, Martha Jane McCullough; had four children. 3. *Sybil C.*, b. Sept. 21, 1844; d. June 13, 1892; m. Feb. 11, 1865, Nicholas McCullough. Children: Julia O., b. May, 1871; d. June 3, 1893. Clifton. Edwin; all dead. 4.



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*Randolph W.*, b. Jan. 21, 1847; d. 1879 on board ship; m. May 24, 1871, Mary McCoy. Children: (a) Paul Nessley, b. Apr. 11, 1872, m. Dec. 22, 1897, Nellie Russell; children, Rhea Lois, b. July 27, 1905; Thomas Willard, b. Feb. 28, 1910; (b) Janetta Chaffin, b. Oct. 14, 1873, m. Jan. 31, 1900, Albert E. Sheriff, lives in Pittsburg, Pa., child, Olive Mary, b. June 22, 1905, d. July 24, 1905; (c) Randolph N., b. June 14, 1876, m. June 14, 1904, Josephine Zahniser—he is a mechanical engineer at Zelienople, Pa.—children, Randolph Robertson, b. July 9, 1905, Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 8, 1909; Judith B., b. Aug. 6, 1878, m. Oct. 5, 1901, Calbraith B. Lanham, d. Jan. 1, 1908, was a R. R. contractor; no children. 5. *Julia Isabel*, b. Nov. 24, 1848; d. Nov. 15, 1877; m. Sept. 19, 1872, William Alvin Davis. 6. *Orlena C.*, b. Dec. 5, 1850; d. Feb. 5, 1863. 7. *Mary Adeline*, b. May 5, 1853; d. Apr. 15, 1865. 8. *Ella Bessie*, b. Dec. 26, 1856; d. Aug. 8, 1882; m. Oct. 20, 1881, Harry Tannehill.

iv. **BETSY**, b. Oct. 25, 1819, at Anson, Me.; d. Mar. 30, 1897, at Westminster, Mass.; m. Jan. 28, 1853, Handel Holden. No children, but "Aunt Betsy" was aunt, mother, grandmother and friend to most of the people in Westminster when she was living.

v. **SYBEL S.**, b. Feb. 23, 1821, at Kingfield, Me.; d. Mar. 14, 1878, at Hampden, Me.; m. Dec. 19, 1842, Artemas Lander, who d. 1851. Children: 1. *Edward Howard*, b. June 15, 1845; d. July 19, 1878; m. Nov. 25, 1873, Ruthella Church; she d. Jan. 30, 1904. They had one child who d. Mr. Lander served three years in the navy during the Civil War. He lived and d. in Cambridge, Mass. 2. *Georgia L.*, b. Oct. 24, 1849; m. Feb. 3, 1874, Dorus F. Howard, b. Aug. 24, 1844; d. Apr. 6, 1901. Children: Bertha C., b. Oct. 14, 1877, d. Feb. 1, 1878; and Ethel Sybel, b. Jan. 21, 1879, m. June 30, 1903, Frederick Lincoln, b. Feb. 5, 1878. They have Doris Howard, b. Jan. 20, 1905; and Ruth Gilbert, b. May 10, 1907, d. Mar. 23, 1908. Mr. Lincoln was principal of the Avery School, Dedham, Mass., twenty-one years.

vi. **ORLENA**, b. Oct. 29, 1822; d. Sept. 2, 1902; m. Oct. 29, 1854, Edward Emerson, b. Mar. 15, 1811; d. Feb. 12, 1878. Child: 1. *Orlena Adeline*, b. Jan. 24, 1858; m.

June 7, 1882, Cornelius Zabriskie, b. Feb. 24, 1841. They have (a) Madeline, b. June 8, 1883, d. Nov. 5, 1902; (b) Orlena A., b. Jan. 17, 1887, m. Oct. 23, 1909, Herbert Scoville, b. Oct. 29, 1877, and have Elvia, b. Nov. 21, 1911; (c) Elvia, b. July 12, 1890.

vii. SIMEON H., b. Oct. 13, 1824; d. June 18, 1854; he was buried in the Mediterranean Sea.

viii MIRIAM, b. Apr. 28, 1827; d. Jan. 14, 1887; m. Feb. 7, 1847, Nathaniel Eames, d. Apr. 2, 1873. No children.

ix. JOSIAH, b. July 14, 1829; d. Dec. 27, 1829.

x. ADELINE B., b. July 1, 1831, at Kingfield, Me.; d. July 25, 1881; unm.

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ASAPH (*Robert* 10), b. in Acton, Sept. 10, 1778; d. Dec. 17, 1839, in Littleton, where he had passed his life. He m. probably Apr. 18, 1801, Annie Reed of Acton. Children:

87 i. ORIN, b. in Boxboro, abt. 1806; d. Apr. 8, 1853, in Portland, Me.

ii. ANNIE, b. June 30, 1808, in Littleton; d. Oct. 13, 1860, in Holyoke, Mass.; unm.

iii. ASENATH, b. July 31, 1812; d. Feb. 29, 1892; m. in Fitchburg, Sept. 21, 1843, Ebenezer D. Jones of Lunenburg, Mass., b. Nov. 23, 1801; d. by accident, Aug. 16, 1845; buried in the South Cemetery, Lunenburg. They had one child, *Lydia Ann*, b. in Lunenburg, Aug. 21, 1844; m. in Townsend, 1861, to Charles R. Farmer, b. Dec. 29, 1840; d. Jan. 23, 1864. They had Charles W., b. Oct. 11, 1861, d. July 30, 1911, unm., in a hospital at Nashua, N. H. They had also Willie, b. Oct. 11, 1862, d. July 30, 1911. Lydia Ann m. 2d, Feb. 2, 1866, Edward B. Richards, b. Feb. 2, 1836; d. July 1, 1894. They had George E., b. Jan. 10, 1867; d. June 2, 1883, and Ella E., b. Jan. 2, 1869; m. Oct. 5, 1892, Thomas J. Smith, and had Mary Ella, b. Mar. 5, 1899, Eva Mabel, b. Sept. 19, 1902, and William A., b. Apr., 1903, d. July 12, 1907. Lydia Ann m. 3d, May 7, 1898, Michael Mitchell, b. 1837; d. Sept. 16, 1909. Asenath Chaffin Jones, m. 2d, Eldad Bailey of Townsend, Dec. 8, 1853. He d. Dec. 29, 1880.

iv. SOPHRONIA, b. in Littleton, May, 1815; d. in Townsend, May, 1839.



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ROBERT (*Robert 10*), b. in Acton, Mass., Feb. 21, 1797; d. Dec. 16, 1887. Before his death he gave to Miss Ada Davis, who gave them to the writer, many valuable Chaffin data which have been of great service in the compilation of this history. When he was a young man he learned the cabinet maker's trade, but he also carried on his farm as long as he was able. He lived during the last of his life in the middle of Acton. He held several town offices, and was an attendant at the Universalist Church and an earnest supporter of it. He m. Nov. 7, 1819, Susanna Conant of Acton, b. June 5, 1800; d. Nov. 26, 1871. Robert evidently approved of the marriage state, as he remained a widower only thirty-five days, when, on Dec. 31, 1871, he m. Mrs. Mary W. Handley, widow of Amos Handley, whom she m. Nov. 3, 1831. She was b. Feb. 18, 1807; dau. of Joel S. and Hannah (Brown) Wright, and d. Aug. 7, 1895. Robert had no children by either wife but Jan. 3, 1860, he adopted two children, Susanna and Robert Conant, niece and nephew of his first wife. They were twins and they took the names Susanna and Robert Chaffin, were b. June 26, 1845, children of Nahum and Eliza (Gilson). Nahum d. Apr. 23, 1854.

On Oct. 30, 1864, Susanna m. George F. Proctor of Littleton, who was b. Oct. 29, 1840, son of Joel and Elizabeth. Children: 1. *Lizzie A.*, b. Nov. 22, 1865; m. Sept. 11, 1895, in Ayer, George F. Stone and had Arvia P., b. Sept. 27, 1896. 2. *Herbert F.*, b. June 29, 1871; m. in Littleton, Nov. 13, 1897, Elizabeth L. Hume, and had Marjorie P., b. Mar. 31, 1900, and Katharine L., b. May 13, 1904.

The adopted son Robert enlisted for the Civil War before he was seventeen years old in the 32d Mass. Regiment, and served over three years. He is a carpenter, lived in Lakewood, N. J., and Whitinsville, Mass., and finally moved to Pasadena, Cal., where he now lives. He had his name changed back, after he was 21 years old, to what it was before his adoption, Robert Chaffin Conant. He m. June 27, 1869, Sarah M. Burbank, b. Mar. 30, 1848, and they had 1. Julian Edwin, b. June 10, 1870; m. Jan. 16, 1896, Josie King, and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; a machinist;

and 2. Eva Leone, b. Mar. 2, 1874; d. Feb. 10, 1901, in Newport, R. I., a graduate nurse of the Newport Hospital.

Robert Chaffin of Acton, commonly known as "Esquire Robert," was a man of decided character and some queer notions. The trouble between him and his adopted son, and what led the latter to resume the name of Conant, was said to be because Esq. Robert claimed the son's wages after he enlisted as a soldier because he was not then 21 years old. But he failed to get the son's army pay. He was a member of the Universalist Society, but was a free thinker and commonly known as an "Infidel." At his death he left his money to the "Paine Memorial" in Boston. The will was contested by young Robert and it is said the courts allowed him \$15,000.00. Esq. Robert was a tee-totaller and was a little cranky as to the kind of liquid he absorbed. He drank neither tea nor coffee, his libations consisting of a decoction steeped from raspberry leaves, and this was done, unless common report belies him, largely for economical reasons. After his death his widow promised to turn over to a relative who visited her a barrel of dried raspberry leaves that he left behind him. But she either changed her mind or forgot this promise for it was not fulfilled; but the relative told the writer of this notice that he was able to survive the disappointment. Economy must have played a part in the management of Esq. Robert's household affairs, for a friend who used to visit his adopted daughter at his house declared that she always came home hungry.

He was a well educated, well read man and very interesting to meet and converse with, provided, however, that two subjects were always avoided, viz: doctors and religion. There was in his house a block of patchwork, pieced by his first wife, with a white center, and on that he had inscribed these lines:

"ON LABORER'S MONEY THE LAWYERS FEAST,  
ALSO THE DOCTOR AND THE PRIEST."  
ACTON, APRIL 1ST, 1852. ROBERT CHAFFIN.

It was said of him, "He was a good neighbor, one we felt free to call upon in sickness or trouble and never called in vain, but he *would* get the best end of a bargain, if not in one way then in another."



ORLENA ADELINE ZABRISKI



LEVI HILL (*Ephraim* 13), b. May 11, 1797, in Chesterfield, N. H.; d. Jan. 31, 1881; he lived in New Hampshire for about ten years and then came with his father's family to Hamilton, N. Y., moving about 1828 with his family to Michigan. He was one of Michigan's pioneer farmers, leaving a beautiful farm at his death. He lived in the township of Independence, Mich., and later in Bennington. He and his descendants are Methodists in religion with one exception. In politics they are Republican. His obituary is in the Methodist Christian Advocate, Apr. 30, 1881. He m. Jan. 1, 1818, Abigail Johnson, b. Dec. 8, 1798; d. Jan. 4, 1854. She was the dau. of David and Abigail (Osborn), the latter a beautiful woman, and loved by all who knew her, b. Aug. 16, 1763; d. Apr. 25 or 26, 1841. Children:

- i. MARY PAMELIA, b. Dec. 26, 1818; d. Aug. 27, 1893; m. David Adams but had no children.
- ii. AMANDA, b. Jan. 19, 1821; d. July 3, 1845; m. Feb. 24, 1841, William Fredericks and had 1. *Mary*, b. 1841; d. abt. 1858. 2. *Josephine A.*, b. Sept. 10, 1843; m. a step-son of her Aunt Pamelia, William Adams, and had Ida, m. B. D. Love; Angeline, m. —— Smith; Eva, m. —— Atkin; Lena, m. —— Hicks; Marion, and a child who d.
- 88 iii. THOMAS GILES, b. Apr. 9, 1823, at Sandy Creek, N. Y.; d. Oct. 15, 1891.
- iv. SAMANTHA ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 29, 1825, at Lorain, N. Y.; d. Jan. 4, 1854; m. Sept. 19, 1853, George Hutchinson at Bennington, Mich., b. Oct. 2, 1803, at Fort Ann, N. Y.; d. Feb. 4, 1874, at Middleburg, O. Children, b. at Middleburg, O.: 1. *George L.*, b. Oct. 30, 1854; m. Apr. 27, 1881, Lida Hurst, and have Earl W., b. at Middleburg, July 9, 1885; and Charles R., b. at Strongsville, O., June 30, 1889, live at Berea, O. 2. *Ida D.*, b. June 1, 1856; m. June 22, 1881, R. D. Hurst and had Marian I., b. at Middleburg, O., Sept. 12, 1884. Lives at Berea. 3. *Will G.*, b. Apr. 24, 1858; lives at Berea. 4. *Charles G.*, b. May 21, 1860; m. Jan. 25, 1892, Clara Lamphear, and have Leland, b. Jan. 27, 1898, at Strongsville, O., and Doris L., b. Apr. 28, 1890, at Columbia Sta., O., where they live. 5. *Carrie S.*, b. Aug. 6, 1862.

- v. DIANTHA FREELOVE, b. Sept. 7, 1827, a school teacher who began teaching at the age of fourteen, a person of very strong character, who survived three strokes of paralysis and was in good general health notwithstanding, but d. May 4, 1912.
- vi. LEVI J., b. June 5, 1829; d. Apr. 29, 1847.
- vii. HARRIET G., b. Nov. 8, 1839; d. Dec. 10, 1862.

Jan. 10, 1855, Levi Hill m. Mrs. Eliza (Randolph) Crane. She was b. near Rome, N. Y., May 20, 1810, and d. July 7, 1903. Her mother's maiden name was Taft, and she was connected with President Taft's kindred. She lived with her son Roscoe the last twenty-two years of her life and was so exceptionally strong and active that with three sisters, the youngest of whom was seventy years, she at the age of ninety, visited a brother in New York City and other relatives in different parts of the state. By this second wife Levi had as his eighth child:

89 viii. ROSCOE R., b. Nov. 23, 1856.

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GLADWIN (*Simon 14*), b. in Union, Me., Oct. 10, 1804; d. in Hutchinson, Kan., Mar. 13, 1890. Gladwin Chaffin, a sketch of whom is here presented, was one of the most original and interesting members of the Robert Chaffin race. At seven years of age he rode behind a four-horse team a journey of 1050 miles from Maine to Ohio, fifty-seven days on the way, which kept the growing boy's eyes open with wonder. After such schooling as he could get in the new country he had come to, he studied medicine in Dover, O., and practiced there and in East Union several years. After his marriage, which will presently be spoken of, he moved to the neighborhood of what is now Fostoria, going from there to Van Buren, where he lived several years, from thence settling in Decatur, Ill., and finally returned to Ohio, settling in Napoleon, where his wife died in 1875. After his wife's death, which deeply affected him, he went to Hutchinson, Kan., to find a happy home with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Irene C. Bigger, in whose home he died in 1890. He practiced medicine for fifty-five years with real success, was frequently consulted by other physicians, was equally attentive to poor and rich, and was most highly esteemed



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by all who knew him. He was never sick in bed during his life. Just before his death he had been eating and rose to walk towards the door when, beginning to fall, his daughter, Amanda, who was with him, caught him in her arms and he was laid upon a lounge, where he breathed his last immediately. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian.

A few interesting reminiscences are here presented. They were given to the writer of this Chaffin history by his granddaughter, his dear wife's namesake, Diadamia Bigger Lewis, in whose mother's home he passed his last years. "He was a physician of the old school, through and through. He compounded his own medicines, and my sister and I used to watch him weigh out his Dover's powders and quinine on his tiny brass scales. He was famous locally for two or three remedies of his own compounding. One was his green salve and another was his liniment. He had much mechanical skill and could turn his hand to any sort of work. He made a wonderfully substantial wooden trunk of huge size, a good-looking corner cupboard, and a really beautiful hatbox, all made in thoroughly workmanlike fashion, nicely joined and skilfully finished. Among his peculiarities was this, that he wore a shawl instead of an overcoat, wore a soft felt hat, wore a wig and always carried a cane. I would say he is the most thoroughly old-fashioned figure in my memory, and he was so regarded in our little western town. He had scores of friends, was extremely sociable and fond of making and receiving calls. His memory of his wife was sweet and precious to him. I have in my possession a little note book of his containing various memoranda, and among them a few lines here and there alluding to her, of which the following are samples: 'I would live for her alone, and exult in the possession of a treasure so rare in every excellence, so beautiful in mind and body. She is a very pearl among women.' This was written in his old age, and he adds, 'They talk of love in youth; but I believe less in its worth than in the love we give each other now.' Grandfather was extremely fond of poetry and copied in full his favorite poems. He was fond of reading the Psalms and had a beautiful copy in large type.

I remember hearing him tell the story of his seeing Diadamia

Pancoast for the first time. She was driving a team of very spirited horses and managing them superbly. My grandfather gazed after her and vowed in his heart that that girl should be his wife—and she was."

On May 27, 1830, Gladwin m. Diadamia Elgin Pancoast. She was b. Aug. 1, 1809, in Buffalo Valley, Pa., and d. Apr. 26, 1875, in Napoleon, O.; dau. of William and Vashti Pancoast. Her people were from England, and were Quakers. They were related to the family of Boones to which Daniel Boone belonged. Children:

- i. **AMANDA ALICE**, b. in Wayne Co., O., Oct. 15, 1833; m. at Van Buren, O., Oct. 4, 1855, Sampson Howell Albertson, b. near Steubenville, O., Dec. 27, 1825; d. Oct. 24, 1884. Children: 1. *Cecilia Irene*, b. Sept. 20, 1857; m. Dec. 16, 1880, Everett Alvan Rea, and they had Mabel Irene, b. Oct. 16, 1881, m. May 24, 1911, Herbert Dale Perry of Indianola, Ia., who have Everett Walson Perry, b. Apr. 13, 1912; Ernest Clair, b. June 26, 1883, m. Sept. 1, 1909, Nelle Marlatt of Indianola; Mary Nell, b. Sept. 26, 1884, m. Sept. 21, 1910, Earl Melvin Hale of Spokane, Wash.; Edith Pansy, b. June 3, 1887; Fred Albertson, b. Mar. 30, 1892; Margaret Amanda, b. Jan. 13, 1894; Everett Alvan, Jr., b. Feb. 14, 1895; Richard Edwin, b. Aug. 26, 1901. 2. *May Corinna*, b. May 5, 1860; m. Feb. 26, 1885, Charles William Murray, b. Dec. 28, 1858, in Morgan Co., O., and had Charles Rea, b. Apr. 15, 1890; Maude Irene, b. Jan. 27, 1891; Frank Vernon, b. May 22, 1893, d. Sept. 22, 1893; Edna May, b. Dec. 30, 1894; Nellie Kate, b. Jan. 19, 1897; Alice Anna, b. Jan. 7, 1899. 3. *George Gladwin*, b. Apr. 6, 1863, d. Jan. 12, 1864. 4. *Clara Lovina*, b. June 16, 1866; m. June 25, 1892, Crockett Holliday, b. Jan. 1, abt. 1852, and had Lillian, b. June 25, 1893; Helen, b. Aug. 16, 1895; Herman Howell, b. Jan. 14, 1898; Mildred, b. Apr. 23, 1900. 5. *Garrett Chaffin*, b. Feb. 25, 1868; m. Mar. 7, 1894, Anna Moxley. 6. *Stanton*, b. July 15, 1870; m. Sept. 7, 1905, Ethel Alzina Hartley, and had Frank Howell, b. May 29, 1907; Alice Elizabeth, b. May 17, 1911. 7. *Kate*, a twin with Stanton, b. July 15, 1870. Speaking of her family Mrs. Albertson adds the following details: Her children were all members of the



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Methodist Episcopal Church, as are her sons-in-law and many of her grandchildren, of whom she has twenty. Mr. and Mrs. Albertson came to their home in Seymour, Ia., Aug. 7, 1856, to a farm of 360 acres, bought at \$4.25 per acre, and now worth over \$100 per acre. A thirty inch vein of coal is on their land. They have a church on the farm, with a fine piano, and good singing.

- ii. **EMILY PANCOAST**, b. in Wayne Co., O., Aug. 30, 1836; d. June 23, 1865, at Vanwert, O.; m. May 2, 1861, George A. Hall, b. Sept. 17, 1836; d. Feb. 20, 1906. One child, *Charles E.*, b. Jan. 29, 1864; m. May 19, 1891, Nida K. Waterfield, b. Mar. 22, 1867, and they have Emily Irene, b. Sept. 12, 1893; Richard Bruce, b. Jan. 19, 1895, and Charles Ernest, b. Apr. 23, 1900.
- iii. **MERCY LURISSA**, b. in Wayne Co., O., July 12, 1837; d. May 9, 1861, at Vanwert, O.
- 90 iv. **GLADWIN BOONE**, b. May 22, 1839, in Hancock, O.
- v. **SOPHRONIA H.**, b. Apr. 18, 1843; m. abt. 1867, R. B. Heller; they live in Napoleon, O., where he is a man of influence and character, a retired merchant and has been mayor. Children: 1. *William L.*, b. abt. 1868; m. in 1900, Grace Means of Topeka, Kan., and they have a dau., Ruth Elizabeth, b. 1901 or 2. 2. *Raymond Legrand*, b. 1871; educated for a physician at Ann Arbor, Mich., and of great promise, but to the deep grief of his parents and friends, d. Dec. 14, 1897.
- vi. **MARY IRENE**, b. Mar. 10, 1851, at Van Buren, O.; d. May 7, 1896, at Hutchinson, Kan.: m. at Napoleon, O., Dec. 24, 1874, Leander Adams Bigger, b. Oct. 1, 1844, in Morgan Co., O. He enlisted Sept. 10, 1861, at Bucyrus, O., and served in three regiments, the 56th Illinois, 1st New York Marine Artillery, and the 1st North Carolina Union Volunteers (white), where he became 2d Lieut. of Co. D, then 1st Lieut. of Co. G, and later commanded Co. F, at the close of the war. He was discharged June 27, 1865, thus serving his country almost four years.

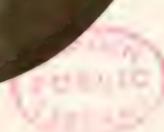
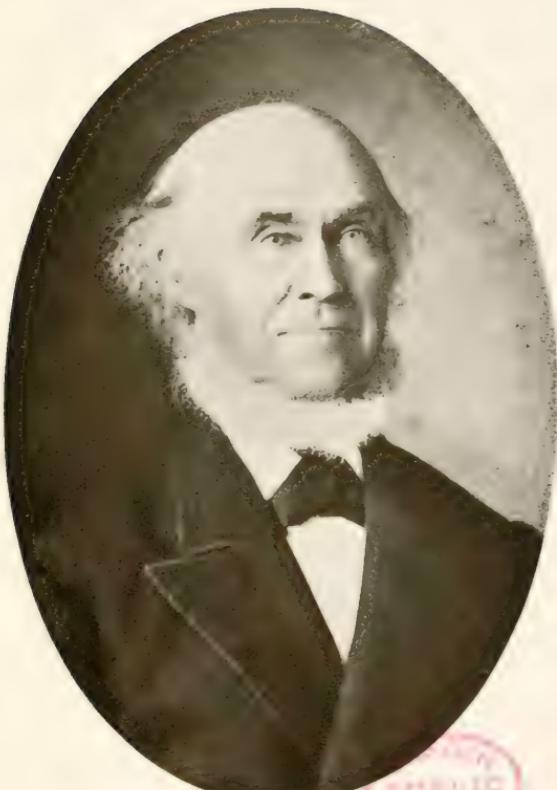
He studied law at Ann Arbor; graduated; appointed agent of the Bureau of Freedmen and abandoned lands in South Carolina, and served until 1871; came to Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 1, 1872, and has lived there ever since. His business was lands, loans and municipal bonds, and he retired from business in 1903. He trav-

eled abroad for about three years, going to Alaska, Europe, and around the world. After returning home he wrote a four volume book, "Around the World with a Business Man," compiled partly from letters written home, and published by the John C. Winston Co., of Philadelphia. The writer of this Chaffin history can testify that this "Around the World" is a very instructive and interesting book, its author being a keen observer, touching always on the salient features of what he saw, and enlivening his narrative with bright touches of humor. It is worthy to be in every public library. Mr. Bigger is a great lover of books, of travel and of Nature. He divides his time now almost equally between Hutchinson, Kan., and Cascade, Colo., where he has a mountain home called Burbrae, so named from the old Bigger homestead in Scotland. The altitude is 7500 feet and the summer climate is ideal.

The children are: 1. *Diadamia*, b. July 12, 1876, at Hutchinson, Kan.; m. Oct. 22, 1902, Howard Stuart Lewis, an attorney, b. Nov. 16, 1878, at Glenwood, Mo. Diadamia Lewis has rendered valuable assistance in the sketches of Dr. Gladwin Chaffin, her grandfather, and of her father. 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 1, 1878; m. Oct. 22, 1902, Louis Emmett Fontron, b. Jan. 28, 1879, at Hutchinson, and they have Elizabeth, b. Dec. 25, 1903; and Anna, b. Sept. 12, 1907.

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SIMON (*Simon* 14), b. in Union, Me., Mar. 1, 1808; d. March 30, 1886. He came, or was brought, a little tot of three years, in the two-horse team with the rest of his father's family from Union, Me., to Ohio in 1811, a journey of almost two months, 1050 miles. He was brought up on the new farm in East Union Township and on Nov. 12, 1835, he m. Catharine Maurer and they had a numerous family as will be reported below. She was b. Sept. 4, 1816, and d. July 11, 1902, out-living her husband sixteen years. He had learned the blacksmith's trade, but gave his attention mainly to farming, living on the old Chaffin farm near "Cross-Keys," now East Union, O. In 1883 he retired from active work on the farm, his son, Ellsworth, taking up the work in his stead. He moved to Orville in 1885, dying there the



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following year. After his death his widow lived with her daughter Harriet for several years, then with her son Albert in Raymore, Mo., and finally with Norman in Orrville, where she died.

The History of Wayne Co., O., says of him: "Mr. Chaffin is an esteemed citizen and worthy gentleman, with sound mind and memory, and we are especially indebted to him for valuable kindness and aid. He is a member of the East Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, which was built about 1836, and among whose early preachers was Solomon Ritz." Children:

- 91 i. ROBERT ROSS, b. Jan. 18, 1837; d. Sept. 17, 1900.
- 92 ii. NORMAN, b. Mar. 5, 1839.
- 93 iii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Mar. 7, 1841.
- 94 iv. HIRAM W., b. Apr. 15, 1843.
- 95 v. SIMON, b. Sept. 11, 1845.
- vi. HARVEY, b. Feb. 14, 1849; d. Jan. 13, 1872. He was a cabinet maker, working in South Bend, Ind., where he d. Dec. 2, 1871. He m. Lydia Bucher.
- 96 vii. ALBERT, b. Feb. 24, 1851; d. Oct. 14, 1910.
- viii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 21, 1853; d. Jan. 18, 1854.
- ix. HARRIET, b. Feb. 12, 1855; m. June, 1873, John D. Hall, b. May 30, 1849, in Harlow Hill, Northumberland Co., England. He learned his trade of blacksmith and wagon maker in the shop that had been known as the Hall shop for generations. He came to this country in 1868. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hall have resided in Orrville, O., except three years spent in Anderson, Ind., returning to Orrville in 1905. Children: 1. *Anna Mae*, b. Mar. 28, 1875; m. Alva Oscar Mackin, electrician, of Johnstown, Pa., Mar. 28, 1894; lived in Johnstown several years, then in Anderson, Ind. Divorced Apr. 24, 1902. They had twins, Earl Lee, b. and d. Jan. 16, 1895, and Russell J., b. Jan. 16, 1895, who lived with his grandparents Hall until July 15, 1911, when he joined the U. S. Navy. *Anna Mae* m. 2d, Sept. 2, 1906, Lewis Herbert McDonald of Logan, O. They reside in Orrville, where he is agent for the Mohican Gas and Oil Co., and had Alice Isabella, b. Jan. 10, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Hall had 2. *Harry William*, b. Sept. 25, 1878; d. Dec. 1, 1878.
- x. CATHERINE ALICE, b. Apr. 4, 1857; m. Oct. 13, 1875, Haselins Hess Beelman, b. Sept. 10, 1852, son of Jacob and Mary (Hess). They went to Bloomville, O., where

he entered the furniture and undertaking business along with his father. In 1874 his father retired, and they moved to Mansfield, O., continuing in the same line of business until 1904, when the furniture part of the business was discontinued. They still reside in Mansfield, Mr. Beelman and his son conducting the undertaking business. One child, *Charles C.*, b. June 9, 1877, who enlisted in U. S. Army Apr. 26, 1898, as Corporal in Co. M, Eighth Regiment, O. V. I. He spent some time in Camps Bushnell and Columbus, also at Camp Algiers, near Falls Church, Va. The regiment sailed for Cuba, July 10, 1898, on board the "St. Paul." He served in Cuba as quarter-master sergeant and sailed for New York on the "Mohawk," Aug. 18, 1898. Upon arriving at Long Island he was taken to a hospital and shortly afterward went home on sick furlough. He reported with the company at Wooster, O., and was mustered out of service Nov. 21, 1898. Upon regaining his health, he resumed his former occupation as undertaker in connection with the business operated by his father. He is now a member of the firm which is known as H. H. Beelman & Co., and represents the fifth generation of the family in this line of business.

May 22, 1901, he m. Anna E. Krause of Mansfield, O.; b. Aug. 27, 1876; dau. of George P. and Rosa Reman. One child, Dorothy Ruth, b. Aug. 30, 1907.

97 xi. ELMER ELLSWORTH, b. June 9, 1861.

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DANIEL (*Peter 15*), b. in Stowe, Mass., Dec. 15, 1787; d. in Lorraine, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1854; m. 1st, Martha Smith, dau. of David of Smith's Mills, now Adams, N. Y., b. July 18, 1795; d. Mar. 3, 1843. Daniel came with his father to Lorraine from Chesterfield, N. H. Children, b. in Lorraine:

- i. A CHILD, b. Feb. 5, 1813; d. Mar. 13, 1813.
- ii. A CHILD, b. July 1, 1814; d. Sept. 24, 1814.
- iii. POLLY, b. Feb. 10, 1816; d. Aug. 16, 1907; m. July 8, 1837, George W. Williams, who d. June 7, 1900. Their children were 1. *Letitia*, b. Aug. 27, 1838; 2. *Frances W.*, b. Aug. 7, 1841; m. Feb. 1, 1860, Loren Riply, b. Nov. 3, 1837; she d. Sept. 25, 1866. Mr. Riply m. a 2d time. 3. *George W., Jr.*, b. May 8, 1849; m. July



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13, 1870, Mary E. Strong, and had two children; his wife d. and he m. a second time. 4. *Charles L.*, b. June 2, 1856; m. Jan. 18, 1880, Jessie de la Fleur, b. Dec. 3, 1859; he is a successful teacher in the Glens Falls, N. Y. Academy. 5. *Another dau.*, who, for some unexplained reason, insists that neither her name, nor the name of her husband and children, nor her family record, should become known, and the author in deference to her demand is silent in regard to her personality and family history.

iv. **DANIEL**, b. Nov. 17, 1817; d. June 30, 1824.

v. **LUCY S.**, b. Oct. 18, 1819; d. Nov. 27, 1899; m. Sept. 16, 1838, William C. Andrus, b. Feb. 19, 1816; d. Apr. 23, 1891. Children: 1. *Commodore*, b. and d. Oct. 2, 1839. 2. *Andrew D.*, b. Dec. 26, 1841; d. Oct. 4, 1911, at the Soldiers' Home, Penn Yan, N. Y. He was a Civil War veteran. He m. Nancy Louise Ingraham, b. Oct. 7, 1839. They had Florence Julia, b. Dec. 1, 1867, in Clifton Springs, N. Y.; Ida May, b. Sept. 12, 1870, in Canastota, N. Y., and Frank D., b. Feb. 3, 1874, in Phelps, N. Y. 3. *Martha S.*, b. Feb. 4, 1845; m. Sept. 18, 1862, George Campbell; no children. 4. *Ira G.*, b. July 13, 1847. 5. *Dwight C.*, b. Apr. 17, 1849. 6. *Lucy M.*, b. May 11, 1852; d. Dec. 13, 1862. 7. *Alice C.*, b. Aug. 1, 1854; m. Apr. 22, 1874, George E. Spencer, b. Oct. 14, 1847; d. Sept. 16, 1874; no children. 8. *Ellen A.*, b. Mar. 21, 1858; d. Feb. 29, 1880. 9. *Ida M.*, b. July 9, 1860; d. Nov. 26, 1862.

vi. **SOPHRONIA**, b. Dec. 20, 1821; d. Nov. 7, 1843.

vii. **MARTHA M.**, b. 1823; d. June 30, 1826.

98 viii. **GEORGE W.**, b. May 5, 1824; d. Mar. 12, 1910.

99 ix. **AMOS SMITH**, b. Oct. 15, 1825; d. Sept. 24, 1901.

x. **BARTHA G.**, b. Aug. 7, 1827; d. Dec. 16, 1843.

xi. **DANIEL W.**, b. July 10, 1831; d. Feb. 26, 1835.

xii. **DE WITT C.**, b. July 23, 1834; Feb. 28, 1835.

100 xiii. **GILBERT F.**, b. Mar. 22, 1836. There was also an adopted daughter, Abigail Lapham, b. Oct. 7, 1814.

Daniel m. 2d, between 1843 and 1854, Eunice Smiley. She d. in Rodman, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1883. In the probate record of the settlement of Daniel's estate, among other heirs mentioned is the following: "leaving Eunice Chaffin, his widow, [and] Anna Smith Chaffin, a daughter." But Gilbert F. Chaffin, now living (1912), says there was no Anna. The Anna Smith should have been Amos

Smith, a son who was one of the legal heirs, and was not named in the settlement, proving that the Anna Smith is a mistake for Amos Smith.

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ROBERT (*Peter 15*). The exact date and place of Robert's birth is unknown. He was brought up in Lorraine, Jefferson Co., N. Y., and he may have been born there, but more probably he was born in Chesterfield, N. H., where his father bought land in 1795 and 1798. He d. at Lorraine about 1835. His wife was Freeloive Stafford, probably of Lorraine. Children:

- i. ALAMANSON, b. Jan. 22, 1827; d. Jan. 11, 1899; m. Flora Wright. He lived for awhile in Martinsburg, N. Y., but later moved to Michigan, where he and his wife d.
- ii. ALVIN, b. 1831; d. Sept. 27, 1911, in Lowville, N. Y., at the Lewis County Home. He was then a widower, but had been married twice, the second time to a sister of Rev. O. P. Pitcher.
- iii. HARRIET, who m. —— Storing, and had a dau, *Freeloive*, who taught school but d. young of consumption. They had also a son, *George*, an eccentric individual who studied for a doctor but made the mistake of thinking his mission was to lecture, and went about lecturing in schoolhouses whenever he could coax any persons to listen to him.

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PETER (*Peter 15*), b. in Lorraine, N. Y., 1802; d. July 25, 1868, at Shepherd, Mich.; m. abt. 1827, Margaret Pierce; d. 1874; dau. of Ichabod and Mary (Crouch). Peter was a shoemaker; lived first in Lorraine, N. Y., then in Adams, N. Y., then in several towns in Ohio, then in Kenosha, Wis., and finally in Villenova, N. Y. He and his son William bought 50 acres in Villenova in 1865. This he deeded to William in Dec. and at his death he was called "a citizen of Villenova," and his estate was settled in Mayville, Chautauqua Co. He d. intestate. In 1899 the 50 acres were deeded to Mary E. Chaffin. Children:

- i. JOHN, b. in Lorraine, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1828, now hale and hearty, living in Shepherd, Mich., 83 years old and

unm. He is a carpenter by trade, went to California in July, 1875, "helped husk five acres of corn in fall of 1911."

101 ii. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 2, 1830; d. Aug. 31, 1897, in Villenova, N. Y.

iii. MARY, b. Jan. 12, 1832; d. June 13, 1905; m. Nov. 18, 1854, George W. Miller, b. Oct. 23, 1816; d. Dec. 9, 1886. Children: 1. *William O.*, b. Aug. 26, 1855; m. May 2, 1880, Eliza M. Gruber of Salt River, Mich. 2. *Flora*, b. May 30, 1857. 3. *Emma*, b. July 22, 1860; d. Dec. 7, 1896; m. Wallace Wing and left four children at her death. 4. *Cornelia*, b. Feb. 1, 1863; d. Apr. 26, 1866. 5. *Betsy Ann.*, b. Aug. 24, 1865; m. Aug. 15, 1889, Warren Salisbury, b. Sept. 11, 1863. Children: Lelia Eliza, b. Apr. 16, 1893; Edna May, b. July 13, 1896. Live at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 6. *Mary Josephine*, b. June 13, 1870; m. May 17, 1893, Fred Hinkle, b. June 17, 1870. Children: Hazel Fern, b. Mar. 29, 1894, d. aged 17 months; Nora Ione, b. Sept. 11, 1896; Clyde M., b. Aug. 26, 1899; Flossie Mildred, b. Nov. 29, 1902; Crystal Pearl, b. Oct. 14, 1907. 7. *Blanche*, b. Apr. 20, 1873; m. Apr. 28, 1910, Henry Claybaugh, b. May 13, 1874. Children: William Edward, b. June 6, 1911, died; Loyd Sylvester, b. Jan. 6, 1912, live at Shepherd, Mich. 8. *Katie*, b. Sept. 7, 1876; m. Dec. 23, 1895, J. B. Dodge, b. July 21, 1872. He is president of the Dodge Clothespin Co., with factories at Lincoln, N. H., Coudersport, Pa., and Richwood, W. Va. Lived at Coudersport, Pa., and Richwood, W. Va. Children: A daughter, b. and d. July 17, 1897, at Coudersport; a daughter, b. Apr. 7, d. Apr. 11, 1899; Anita May, b. Sept. 17, 1901, at Richwood; Pera Lucille, b. Oct. 28, 1903, at Richwood; Alfred Winslow, b. Aug. 1, 1906; and James Herbert, b. June 28, 1908. 9. *James W.*, b. Nov. 30, 1877.

102 iv. DANIEL, b. Jan. 6, 1834; date of death unknown.

v. CYNTHIA JANE, b. Sept. 2, 1835; d. Apr. 7, 1888; m. abt. 1853, Cornelius Bigelow, b. 1813; d. Mar. 6, 1885. Children: 1. *Ella*, b. Sept. 2, 1854; d. Jan. 27, 1882; m. Jan. 1, 1874, Oscar Hewitt. 2. *Henry*, b. Sept. 10, 1857; m. Sept. 16, 1877, Irena Harrington, b. June 20, 1862. 3. *Perry*, b. Apr. 26, 1862; m. Oct. 16, 1881, Mary Frank, b. Feb. 14, 1863. 4. *Jessie*, b. Apr. 24,

1871; m. 1st June, 1889, Perry Yeider of Bangor, Mich.; m. 2d, Sept., 1911, Elmer Vanockin.

103 vi. LEWIS LORENZO, b. Jan. 22, 1837; d. Apr. 15, 1898.

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HIRAM (*Peter* 15), b. Oct. 14, 1806, in Lorraine, N. Y.; d. Nov. 3, 1874. He was a farmer and lived in Lorraine. Hiram m. Jan. 27, 1833, Lydia Weeks, b. Apr. 15, 1802; d. Jan. 7, 1872. Children:

i. MINERVA, b. Dec. 12, 1833; d. Jan. 5, 1912; m. July 4, 1853, Solomon McComber, b. Jan. 10, 1834; d. Jan. 19, 1905. They lived in Decatur, Mich. Children: 1. *Herbert V.*, b. Apr. 12, 1854; m. Oct. 27, 1894, Florence V. Holmes, b. May 13, 1855. He is a fruit grower and they live in Dowagiac, Mich. 2. *Birney A.*, b. Oct. 26, 1858; m. May 16, 1886, Jennie Grace Boyle, b. Sept. 2, 1866. They live in Benton Harbor, Mich, and he is a retired merchant. 3. *William*, b. June 22, 1868. 4. *Claud*, b. May 18, 1876. These two live in Decatur, Mich. These children spell their name McOmber, after the Scotch.

104 ii. VOLNEY W., b. Apr. 12, 1836; d. May 9, 1895.

iii. WILLIAM H., b. May 17, 1838; d. Nov. 2, 1864, in Little York Hospital of typhoid fever. He was a Civil War soldier, served in 10th Regiment, New York Vol. Heavy Artillery.

105 iv. EDWIN H., b. Oct. 17, 1843.

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JOHN FARWELL (*Gladwin* 16), b. in Harvard, Mass., May 17, 1798, and d. in Concord, N. H., at the house of his sister, Mrs. Hosea Fessenden, Feb. 9, 1862. He m. Rebekah Pollard, b. May 21, 1823, at Harvard. She was b. in Harvard June 2, 1800, lost her mother early, went to Boston and learned millinery. She d. Jan. 24, 1847. They were considered about the handsomest couple that entered the church where they worshipped. Not long after his marriage he settled in Concord, N. H., where he engaged in the harness and trunk business. He was gentlemanly in his bearing, a great lover of music and an excellent singer. He was a

devoted and influential member of the Baptist Church, and a man of decided character. Children:

- i. SUSAN REBECCA, b. July 23, 1829, in Concord, N. H.; d. there Jan. 3, 1893. She was an accomplished pianist and played the organ in the Baptist Church, of which she was a member. On Apr. 17, 1849, she m. Daniel C. Allen, son of Ezra and Sarah (Batchelor), b. in Epsom, N. H., Mar. 24, 1825, d. Oct. 17, 1912. He was first a schoolmaster, and later a clerk and paymaster in the Northern N. H. Railroad office, Concord. They had 1. *Netta Rebecca C.*, b. Dec. 9, 1849; d. July 25, 1864.
- ii. JULIANN SOPHIA, b. Apr. 20, 1835; d. Sept. 14, 1838.
- iii. JOHN WILSON, b. Oct. 24, 1837; d. Sept. 4, 1838.
- iv. MARY CAROLINE BLANEY, b. Apr. 13, 1840; d. May 20, 1847.

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WILLIAM FARWELL (*Gladwin* 16), b. Jan. 14, 1804, in Harvard, Mass.; d. Apr. 30, 1838, in Oxford, Me. He was a cooper by trade, and he was for awhile a schoolmaster. While teaching in Pepperell, Mass., a bit of romance was connected with him that is worth telling. He lived with an uncle who was childless and who proposed to make William his heir. Adjoining his farm was another whose owner had a daughter who was an only child, and was about William's age. The uncle thought it would be a fine scheme for William to marry this daughter that so, eventually, the two farms might be united in a single ownership. Whether or not the daughter was consulted as to this arrangement does not appear. But William, meanwhile, had fallen in love with a handsome pupil in his school, and he would not give her up for the sake of gaining his uncle's farm, and he was consequently disinherited. For his loyalty to this girl, Louisa Shattuck, his son, the writer of this notice, blesses and honors his memory. He followed her to Concord, N. H., where both of them had relatives, and there married her. Not long after his marriage he moved "down east" to Oxford, Me., where he engaged in his cooper business.

When he went there the moral condition of the community was

rather low. There was a meeting house but not enough religious interest to support preaching. Liquor was freely sold in two stores and the sale was well patronized, and the people gathered in the bar-rooms even on Sunday. Mr. Chaffin and a friend of his who boarded with him, named Pingree, made up their minds that it was the need of social intercourse rather than the love of drink that thus gathered the people together, and to supply this need in a more rational way, they, both being singers, organized a singing school, which became a great success. They organized a choir, and then to take the people out of the drinking places on Sunday they met in the church on that day. This led to their having a minister come to speak to them, and soon regular Sunday services were resumed, a minister engaged, a real religious interest awakened, and a better moral condition in the town resulted—the credit of which was due to the singing school organized by Mr. Chaffin and Mr. Pingree, and conducted by the former. The Chaffins of that time in that branch of it were very musical.

In 1890, Mr. Pingree was living in Portland, Me., and he wrote to Mr. Chaffin's son, then a minister in North Easton, Mass., as follows: "Your father was a fine looking man, of quiet but social bearing and unblemished character, and I loved him as my most genial associate. The death of your father was a very solemn event in the place. He was buried from the church, and the choir in tears sang in the service. I was one of the bearers." Hon. John J. Perry, in 1892, wrote to Mr. Chaffin's son as follows: "Your father was one of the most genial, pleasant, even tempered men I ever knew. None of the common perplexities of life ever seemed to move him. His 'way' was one of 'even tenor,' and he had the confidence and respect of every one with whom he associated."

The cause of his death was so exceptional as to be regarded as phenomenal, and it is a matter of scientific interest to state it here. He died because of the enlargement of the thymus gland, which at last caused suffocation. The thymus gland is a small gland in the thorax behind the breast bone and near the neck, but having no known function. It is usually normally absorbed in infancy or in very early years. But "Pepper's Practice" states

that two or three instances have been known where the gland, instead of being absorbed, enlarged and caused death. Mr. Chaffin's case was one of these, and after a post mortem examination it was fully reported in a medical and surgical journal by Dr. Jacob M. Tewksbury, who had charge of the case.

William Farwell Chaffin m. in Concord, N. H., Mar. 5, 1829, Louisa Shattuck, dau. of Ebenezer Lakin and Hannah (Tarbell). She was b. in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 31, 1803, and d. in Concord, N. H., at her sister's, Mrs. Gleason, May 20, 1851. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. He enlisted in the Continental Army for three years, serving most of the time in Col. Michael Jackson's regiment. He was one of Gen. Washington's army during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge. One of the stories he used to tell his children deserves to go on record here. Many of the soldiers at Valley Forge were sick. There was a doctor who had charge of them of whose loyalty they became suspicious. Ebenezer noticed that the men for whom he prescribed all died. So when the doctor gave him pills to take, he merely pretended to swallow them, and instead dropped them down behind his back among the hemlock branches that formed his bed, "And I got well," he said, "while the other men who took the pills of this Tory doctor died." The truth of this story may be doubtful, but it records the impressions of the soldiers of Valley Forge. William F. and Louisa had:

i. MARY LOUISA, b. Mar. 9, 1834, in Oxford, Me., her mother being a helpless invalid, she was at first cared for by her aunt, Phebe Shattuck, who was devoted to her and her little brother, who came afterward. In her girlhood she lived in Townshend, Vt., with Mr. John Fessenden, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hosea Fessenden, her father's sister. She left there about 1855 and lived in Concord, N. H., supporting herself by doing housework. But when her uncle, Mr. Henry Lawrence moved to Barrington, Ill., she accompanied the family and lived with them. She was expecting to marry a young man named Holmes, whom she knew in Vermont and who had gone to California. But he died, and she afterward went to California and, on Oct. 21, 1861, she m. her be-

trothed's brother, John Holmes, living most happily with him until Mar. 25, 1863, when she d. A dau., *Mary Louisa*, was b. Mar. 17, 1863, and d.

106 ii. WILLIAM LADD, b. Aug. 16, 1837, in Oxford, Me.

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JOSEPH (*Gladwin* 16), b. in Harvard, Mass., Mar. 13, 1807; d. in Harvard, Jan. 14, 1898; m. Sept. 24, 1834, Julia Farnsworth, dau. of William and Betsey (Curtis), b. in Groton, Mass., July 3, 1811; d. Dec. 12, 1854, in Northboro, Mass.; a woman who was gifted intellectually and a very positive character. One who knew her well when living in Oxford, Me., in a letter to the writer of this notice, said: "She was a Unitarian, but was an interested reader of the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and introduced them to me; and the result was that I was converted from a Methodist class leader to a Swedenborgian New Churchman."

Mr. Chaffin at the age of 17 went to Concord, N. H., where he learned the harness business in the shop of his brother, John. Not long after his marriage he moved to Oxford, Me., where his brother William and sister Sally lived. He remained there about twelve years and served some time as selectman and overseer of the poor, and was assistant postmaster for three years. From Oxford he went to Northboro, Mass., where he carried on the harness business for six years. There his wife died. Children, by Julia Farnsworth, his first wife:

107 i. JOSEPH FARNSWORTH, b. in Oxford, Me., Mar. 27, 1839; d. Mar. 27, 1911, on the 72d anniversary of his birth.  
 ii. JULIA ANN, b. Dec. 7, 1842; m. Jan. 3, 1860, Samuel Bailey Hart, b. Mar. 23, 1839; son of John and Elizabeth (Locke). Mr. and Mrs. Hart lived in Ayer, Mass. He d. Jan. 19, 1905. Their children were: 1. *Albert Chaffin*, b. Dec. 15, 1860; m. Aug. 22, 1886, Rose Wheeler, b. Feb. 7, 1867; dau. of Jerome and Angeline (Goodhue); one son, Clarence Burley, b. July 3, 1887, d. Mar. 5, 1889. 2. *Joseph Edwin*, b. Jan. 22, 1870; m. Jan. 2, 1903, Esther Farnsworth, dau. of George and Hattie (Waters).

Joseph Chaffin, two years after the death of his wife, went to Townsend, Mass., and there met and, on Mar. 26, 1856, m. Mrs.

Elizabeth (Hildreth) Wilder, a widow with one daughter. Mrs. Wilder was b. Apr. 26, 1822; d. Aug. 7, 1910; dau. of Zachariah and Hannah (Sawtelle) Hildreth. Her first husband was David C. Wilder, and they had a daughter, Nancy E. (Mrs. Hardy). In 1859, Mr. Chaffin came back to his native Harvard, where for twenty-five years he was employed as station agent of the Worcester and Nashua railroad. He has the remarkable record of surviving four severe attacks of pneumonia, all of which occurred after the age of 72. He lived to be nearly 91 years old. His memory was excellent and at 90 years he could read his daily newspaper without spectacles. He was much interested in politics, was a staunch Republican, and in religion was a Unitarian. He was a man of fine character, friendly and sociable and thoroughly respected by all who knew him. Children, by his second marriage:

iii. NELLIE F., b. Jan. 22, 1857, in Townsend; m. June 7, 1877, George G. Bowers, b. in Groton, Mass., Dec. 11, 1853. Children, b. in Ayer, Mass.: 1. *Lena E.*, b. Mar. 7, 1879. 2. *Horace C.*, b. July 5, 1884. 3. *Elsie A.*, b. Apr. 16, 1888.

iv. EDNA L., b. Oct. 7, 1861; m. Jan. 1, 1885, Willard S. Dudley, b. Oct. 7, 1852, in Harvard; d. July 12, 1912. Children, b. in Harvard: 1. *Clifford W.*, b. Dec. 28, 1886. 2. *Edna Edith*, b. Apr. 6, 1893. Clifford has for several years been overseer of the poor at Harvard.

108 v. HENRY BATEMAN, b. July 21, 1864; d. Nov. 18, 1901.

REUBEN (*Reuben 18*), b. in Lisbon, N. H., Dec. 30, 1791; d. Feb. 11, 1863, in Scioto County, O. His father had removed from Lisbon to Kentucky purchasing a farm there which he lost by a defective title, and he then moved to Madison township, Scioto Co., O. The son Reuben was one of the early settlers of Vernon township and owned and operated Chaffin's mill, so-called, for thirty-three years. Reuben, Sr., was a soldier in the War of 1812. Honest, industrious and skilful, he was held in high esteem by his neighbors, and he was withal a quiet man and a lover of good books. He m. Oct. 28, 1820, Sarah Smith, b. in

Vermont, Aug. 2, 1794; d. Jan. 29, 1876; dau. of Reuben and Roxa (Boardman). They had seven sons and five daughters. Children:

i. SARAH ANN, b. Aug. 13, 1821; d. Oct. 10, 1872; m. Dec. 7, 1845, Kimber B. McFann, b. Mar. 2, 1813; d. Sept. 2, 1877. He was a farmer and merchant and moved from Ohio to Kokomo in 1848. They had 1. *Levi D.*, b. Mar. 22, 1847; m. Aug. 8, 1872, Lottie Reeves, and had Harry Lee, b. Nov. 2, 1874; d. June, 1875; Allan D., b. Aug. 28, 1876; and Evalina, b. June, 1881, m. Albert Bole. 2. *Demetrius Hays*, b. Aug. 24, 1849; went to Colorado in 1880 and d. 1900. 3. *Joshua H.*, b. Mar. 7, 1852; d. Sept. 10, 1872. 4. *Orman A.*, b. Feb. 4, 1854. 5. *Viola Estella*, b. Nov. 5, 1855. 6. *Charles Milton*, b. Apr. 25, 1858; m. Nov. 19, 1884, Martha K. Reeves. 7. *William C.*, b. May 3, 1860; went west Jan. 8, 1885, now in Huron, Ariz. 8. *Sarah E.*, b. Aug. 22, 1862; m. Dec. 3, 1884, John O. Wilson, b. Jan. 18, 1856, and had (a) Maude E., b. Mar. 7, 1886, m. Sept. 22, 1909, Archie K. Weaver, b. May 11, 1885, and had Dorothy Beatrice, b. Nov. 27, 1910; (b) Walter F., b. Dec. 1, 1889, m. Cloie Scott, b. Mar. 31, 1893, and had Herbert, b. Sept. 3, 1909, and Mildred Lucile, b. Jan. 3, 1911; (c) Mabel F., b. Feb. 9, 1892. 9. *Ada Florence*, b. Mar. 22, 1865; d. Jan. 8, 1866.

109 ii. *ORMAN*, b. Nov. 10, 1823; d. Mar. 7, 1888.

iii. *ELECTA*, b. in Scioto Co., O., Apr. 17, 1825; d. in Flora, Ill., Nov. 13, 1907; m. Dec. 26, 1847, Anthony Smith, b. in Lawrence Co., O., Apr. 12, 1818; d. in Clay Co., Ill., Nov. 6, 1901. They had 1. *Francis M.*, b. Nov. 19, 1848; d. Aug. 26, 1870. 2. *William H.*, b. Apr. 2, 1851; d. May 18, 1865. 3. *Reuben E.*, b. Feb. 10, 1853; d. July 10, 1853. 4. *Sarah F.*, b. Oct. 25, 1854; m. Sept. 5, 1870, W. C. Hurd, b. Feb. 7, 1850, and had (a) Chas. W., b. July 26, 1871; (b) Mary E., b. Feb. 26, 1873, d. Oct. 10, 1875; (c) Effie M., b. Aug. 8, 1874, d. Sept. 30, 1875; (d) Lula E., b. Mar. 17, 1876, d. July 12, 1876; (e) Albert L., b. May 1, 1878; (f) Mildred E., b. Sept. 23, 1879; (g) Lily M., b. Feb. 28, 1882; (h) Lucy B., b. Feb. 22, 1884; (i) Stella A., b. Oct. 29, 1886; (j) Edna E., b. Nov. 16, 1888; (k) James A., Dec. 5, 1894. 5.

*Mary E.*, b. Nov. 23, 1856; m. Aug. 31, 1881, Cornelius Kitley, b. July 14, 1837; d. Mar. 28, 1910. Children: (a) Clyde, b. June 26, 1882; (b) Lola, b. Feb. 29, 1884, m. A. Potts, Apr. 28, 1906; (c) Lyda, b. Feb. 29, 1886, m. W. K. Green, Sept. 6, 1906, and have a son; (d) Jane, b. Oct. 20, 1887; (e) Earl R., b. Dec. 26, 1889; (f) Sarah Electa, b. Dec. 6, 1891; (g) Dollie, b. June 13, 1895. 6. *John M.*, b. Mar. 26, 1858; d. Sept. 29, 1861. 7. *Nancy M.*, b. Mar. 15, 1860; d. May 20, 1864. 8. *Lucy B.*, b. Aug. 20, 1862; m. Dec. 19, 1883, Arthur W. Blackledge, b. Nov. 2, 1861, and had (a) Arthur LeRoy, b. Dec. 9, 1884; (b) Daphne Burdell, b. July 4, 1886; (c) Ruby Olive Alice, b. Dec. 12, 1887; (d) Wilber Raymond, b. Mar. 23, 1890. 9. *Amos G.*, b. July 7, 1864. 10. *James C.*, b. Sept. 16, 1866, lives in Oklahoma; m. and had one son when last heard from. 11. *Roxa*, b. and d. July 12, 1868. 12. *Ella Luella*, b. Dec. 14, 1869; m. Oct. 18, 1893, Charles M. Pierce, b. Mar. 25, 1868, and had (a) Mary Alice, b. Jan. 14, 1895; (b) Baby, b. June 16 and d. June 22, 1897; (c) Warren Theodore, b. Aug. 14, 1898; (d) Uelma Gladys, b. Dec. 25, 1900; (e) Ruby Avis, b. Oct. 30, 1903; (f) Ina Vivian, b. May 2, 1907; (g) Doris Marian, b. Nov. 4, 1909.

110 iv. *LEANDER*, b. Nov. 5, 1827; d. Nov. 25, 1895.

111 v. *JOHN MILTON*, b. Mar. 27, 1828; d. Oct. 13, 1886.

vi. *CALVIN*, d. in his infancy.

112 vii. *FRANCIS MARION*, b. Nov. 16, 1830; d. Mar. 6, 1907.

viii. *EUNICE WALCOTT*, b. Dec. 17, 1832; d. Aug. 18, 1877; m. Aug. 17, 1856, Capt. John C. Malone, b. Nov. 5, 1832; d. Feb. 2, 1912, in Granville, O. His military record is noteworthy and is given in the History of the Pioneers of Southern Ohio and Scioto County. To this union were b. 1. *Cynthia C.*, b. Sept. 16, 1857, in Warren Co., Iowa; educated in common schools and in the Young Ladies Institute of Granville, O.; taught in Ohio and Washington, to which state she went in 1889. 2. *William Leander*, b. Apr. 11, 1859; attended Denison University, Granville, and one year at Johns Hopkins; has been teaching in high schools ever since in Tacoma, Wash. 3. *Eunice Elvira*, b. Feb. 18, 1861; d. Mar., 1881. 4. *Charles Spurgeon*, b. May 28, 1863; studied law, practiced at Ottawa,

O.; drew a Couer de Alene claim 1909, now living on it, but expects to practice law again; m. July 13, 1897, Nettie Weston, and has Henry George, b. Oct. 12, 1898; Walter Weston, b. Aug. 29, 1900; and Charles William, b. Apr. 5, 1909. 5. *John Ellsworth*, b. Feb. 18, 1865, completed his junior year at Denison University, went to State of Washington in 1889 and taught Indians, and d. Dec. 4, 1902. 6. *Lucy Evaline*, b. Sept. 20, 1867, taught some years, and Apr. 28, 1903, m. M. D. Campbell. 7. *Ernest Franklin*, b. Jan. 28, 1873; d. Feb. 19, 1895, at Louisville, Ky.

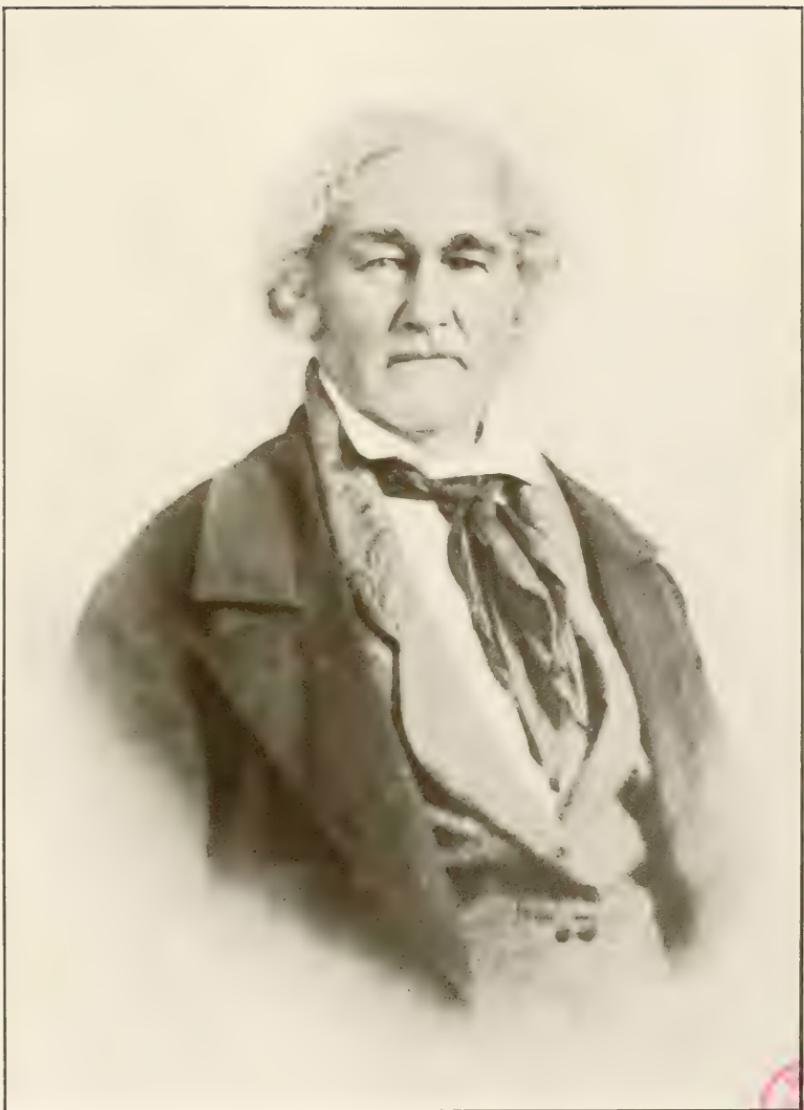
113 ix. **REUBEN**, b. Feb. 22, 1835.

x. **LUCY**, b. Apr. 19, 1837; d. Feb. 19, 1909; m. Apr. 24, 1876, William P. McElhinney, b. Apr. 5, 1843. Residence, Ashton, Kan. Children: 1. *Lizzie*, b. July 21, 1877; m. Dec. 28, 1902, Charles G. Trinkle. 2. *Eunice*, b. Aug. 11, 1878; m. Feb. 23, 1902, A. R. Stockton, b. Nov. 22, 1872.

114 xi. **BENJ. FRANKLIN**, b. 1840; d. Oct. 4, 1901.

xii. **ROXA BOARDMAN**, b. Apr. 17, 1842; m. July 4, 1863, Jacob Newland, b. Sept. 7, 1842. They live in Glen-coe, Okla. Their children are 1. *Edgar Eurymour*, b. Oct. 20, 1865; m. Jan. 1, 1891, Jennie E. Pugh, b. Sept. 6, 1867, and had (a) Frank, b. July 23, 1892; (b) Ina, b. Jan. 24, 1894; d. Sept. 8, 1899; (c) Roxa B., b. Oct. 7, 1898; d. Mar. 16, 1899; (d) Edith, b. Apr. 13, 1900. Edgar E. is local manager of the Foster Lumber Company of Tonkawa, Okla. 2. *George F.*, b. Apr. 5, 1870; m. Sept. 18, 1902, Mertie Kniseley, b. Nov. 22, 1879, and had (a) Lucille W., b. Aug. 22, 1903; (b) George F., b. July 5, 1905; (c) Foster C., b. Jan. 9, 1907; (d) Roy E., b. Dec. 16, 1909; (e) Jacob A., b. Sept. 1, 1911. 3. *Clay Leroy*, b. May 24, 1880; m. June 12, 1910, Minnie V. Burn.

**SHADRACH** (*Reuben* 18), b. Mar. 8, 1797, in Lisbon, N. H.; d. June 13, 1884. He went with his father and step-mother to Greenup Co., Kentucky. Left an orphan early by the death of his father, and the family being in poor circumstances because his father had lost his Kentucky property by a defective title,



SHADRACH CHAFFIN





Shadrach had a tough time of it when a boy. He is said to have been "barefoot at the age of nine years, and dressed in a linen blouse and trousers in winter, and ate off wooden dishes." He ran away from his step-mother and took refuge with his older brother Reuben. He soon shifted for himself, got employment wherever he could, earning for his first wages seven dollars per month. He next obtained employment on a keel boat on the Ohio river at a dollar a day, and followed this occupation for two or three summers, working also with farmers as opportunity occurred. About the year 1819 he obtained possession of 160 acres of heavily timbered, untilled land, "entered from Congress at \$2.50 per acre, and on the 9th of January, 1820, he, with his newly wedded wife, moved into a hewn log house which he had built." There he took up the laborious task of clearing ground that was "without a lick ever having been done on it," cutting off the timber and converting it into a farm. By hard work and strict economy he accumulated sufficient means to give each of his thirteen children some assistance financially in their start out in life. His entire life from Jan. 9, 1820, was spent at his farm home in Vernon township, Scioto Co., Ohio, where he d. June 13, 1884, at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Shadrach Chaffin was noted in Southern Ohio as a man of high honor, probity, and unusual common sense; a man of reverent and clean speech; frequently called upon to settle disputes among neighbors; a deeply religious man; by profession a Baptist, but said to be opposed to "close communion" and some of the extreme calvinistic dogmas. He was, in fact, liberal and rational in religion, as in everything else. A granddaughter writes that "He was a regular sage; he just knew everything." Let the reader look upon his noble, handsome face, and he will readily believe that "his life and character were an inspiration to all who knew him."

On May 13, 1819, he m. 1st, Sarah Salladay, b. Mar. 5, 1800; d. Feb. 27, 1840; dau. of Philip and Sarah Christina (Flick). Children:

- i. LAVINA, b. Feb. 29, 1820; d. July 25, 1884; m. Dec. 19, 1838, William R. Clemmons. He was a contractor

and builder and before his death, which occurred Oct. 7, 1862, he was constructing some works for the government on Muscatine Island. His widow, left with a large family on her hands, proved herself a real heroine, keeping her children together and bringing them up so as to honor her name by right living. The children are 1. *Sarah Phebe*, b. Jan. 10, 1840; m. Dec. 31, 1861, Singleton Weaver, b. Sept. 27, 1827; d. Mar. 16, 1905, and had (a) William C., b. Nov. 8, 1862, m. Mar. 26, 1891, C. Margaret Wilhelm, b. Apr. 16, 1863; (b) Olivia, b. Aug. 26, 1864, d. Aug. 28, 1864. 2. *Finley David*, b. Oct. 31, 1842. On Dec. 28, 1863, he enlisted in Co. H, 11th Iowa Vol. Infantry, and served until the end of the war. He is now a retired farmer in Vinton, Ia., an earnest Baptist and a good citizen. He m. 1st, Dec. 8, 1870, Nancy E. Vales, and had (a) William G., b. Sept. 17, 1872, d. Aug. 17, 1874; (b) Florence, b. Feb. 15, 1879; (c) Nettie, b. Feb. 15, 1879, a twin with Florence, m. Oct. 25, 1906, N. H. Swanson, and had Hershel and Florence Elizabeth; (d) Charles, b. Aug. 12, 1882, and d. Dec. 7, 1882. Finley's wife d. Oct. 16, 1888, and he m. 2d, Nancy Gibson of Green Co., Ind. 3. *Philora Blythe*, b. June 10, 1844; d. Nov. 21, 1908; m. George Bolenbaugh, and had several children who are dead. 4. *Zachary Taylor*, b. June 10, 1846; m. 1874, Mary Church, b. 1856. They had Harry, b. 1880, d. 1888; Glen, b. 1884; and Ralph, b. 1893. They live in Nevada, Mo. 5. *George Williams*, b. July 8, 1848; m. Aug. 14, 1894, Belle Cowell, b. Oct. 10, 1862, and have Madge, b. Sept. 2, 1900. They live in Shellsburg, Ia. 6. *Julia Ann*, b. Nov. 28, 1850; d. Sept. 4, 1851. 7. *Mary Cornelia*, b. May 25, 1853; d. Nov. 2, 1903; m. Bartly Narber. 8. *Martha Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 15, 1855; m. Oct. 5, 1887, Albert Gilchrist, b. Jan. 23, 1856, of Vinton, Ia. They had Clark, b. Feb. 21, 1892. 9. *Lucy Jane*, b. Jan. 20, 1858; m. Madison Heath and have three children. Live in Shellsburg, Ia. 10. *John Shadrach*, b. Dec. 5, 1860; m. 1st Delia Watkens, who d. leaving a dau. He m. 2d, Birdens Wilson and resides in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

ii. **ELIZABETH**, b. Sept. 29, 1821, at Lyra, O.; d. Mar. 30, 1883; m. Feb. 4, 1849, John Wood Lummis, b. Sept. 14, 1817, near Vineland, N. J.; d. Feb. 4, 1891.



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Children: 1. *John Otterbein*, b. Dec. 24, 1849; d. Aug. 22, 1850. 2. *Sara Edna*, b. Mar. 22, 1852; m. at South Webster, O., Nov. 11, 1871, Simeon E. Evans, b. Dec. 20, 1843, and had (a) Amizette L., b. Jan. 3, 1873, at Hamden, O., d. Jan. 14, 1873; (b) Arthur Lummis, b. at Jackson, O., Mar. 19, 1874, m. Nov. 14, 1900, Coral L. Sternberger; he is a merchant in Columbus, O., and have Mark Simeon, b. Mar. 17, 1902, and Bessie, b. Dec. 9, 1904; (c) Ernest Lummis, b. Jan. 3, 1882, at Portsmouth, O., a traveling salesman; (d) Elizabeth Chaffin Lummis, b. Sept. 19, 1885, at Ironton, O., d. Oct. 14, 1899. 3. *Martha Maria*, b. Apr. 21, 1854; d. Mar. 6, 1865. 4. *Mary Naomi*, b. July 7, 1856; d. Oct. 17, 1858. 5. *James Potter*, b. Jan. 26, 1858; d. Sept. 22, 1861. 6. *Julia Ann*, b. Apr. 4, 1860; d. Mar. 22, 1864. 7. *Shadrach Chaffin*, b. Mar. 16, 1862, is in the employ of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. at Oakley, Kan.; m. June 21, 1891, Emma Buck of Athens, O., and have (a) Jacob Chaney; (b) Mary Elizabeth. 8. *Jacob William*, b. Dec. 28, 1864; unm., and now, 1912, living in Marietta, Ga.

iii. CALFURNA, b. Apr. 7, 1823; d. Feb. 15, 1892. She was skilled in all household matters; deeply religious by nature and experience, a regular church attendant, although the meeting-house was two miles from her home; most careful in the training of her children; kind to the poor and sought for attendance on the sick; carried sunshine wherever she went; the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are still living to call her blessed. In 1844 she m. John Stockham, b. Sept. 15, 1817; d. Apr. 25, 1894; son of Col. Aaron and Ruhama (Sykes), grandson of two Revolutionary soldiers. He was noted for his industry and integrity. His father met reverses when his forge was superseded by the invention of rolling iron, but his boys earned the money to redeem the farm. After marriage he spent four years in Tennessee directing slave labor, but did not like the society and returned to Ohio improving a farm there for a few years, and then, in 1856, moved to Iowa, where he engaged in farming, owning at his death 450 acres of good land.

He trained his children to work, took a lively interest in public schools but taught his children at

home also in the long winter evenings; was very systematic in his work, began early but did not work or allow his children or hired help to work after dark, closing work on Saturday evening at four o'clock, and allowed no Sunday work except in an emergency. Like his wife, he was kind to the poor; a member of the Christian Church; a Republican in politics until late in life, when he worked with the antimonopoly parties. His children are:

1. *George Washington*, b. Sept. 28, 1845; at eleven years of age went with his parents to Davis Co., Ia.; worked on the farm, attended school in winter, and later studied at the Troy, Ia., Academy; m. Mar. 5, 1868, Margaret Lister, b. in Park Co., Ind., Nov. 4, 1849; d. Oct. 11, 1897, a worthy Christian woman of blessed memory. Children: (a) M. Alice, b. Nov. 14, 1869; m. Jan. 6, 1892, J. W. Clendenen, a grain merchant, and they live in Florence, Kan. One child, Dora Esther, b. June 11, 1895. Alice is a woman of a fine and strong character. Her courage and ability are shown in the fact that as a young woman, when her father met financial reverses, she secured a mail route on the Kansas prairies, where she carried on the work successfully regardless of the weather. She rendered great assistance to her brothers and sisters after the death of their mother. Mr. Clendenen has served as Mayor of Florence with real ability. (b) Maurice, b. Dec. 29, 1872; unm.; a successful stock buyer and feeder; a man of real integrity and very helpful to his mother and younger brothers—helping to overcome the financial reverses of the panic of 1893-96. Lives with his cousin, Lafayette Stockham, and their mutual attachment for each other is like that of David and Jonathan; live near McPherson, Kan. (c) William, b. Dec. 19, 1874; d. Dec. 28, 1874. (d) Charles, b. Dec. 19, 1875; d. Dec. 4, 1878. (e) Harry, b. Nov. 4, 1877; m. Aug. 1, 1900, Bertha E. ——, b. July 10, 1879, and have Vera Margaret, b. Mar. 29, 1903; Ruth Iowa, b. May 16, 1908; Arthur Aaron, b. Dec. 10, 1909. Harry is an enterprising farmer and stock raiser near McPherson, Kan. (f) Frank, b. Mar. 10, 1880; m. Aletha Leasha Barkley, Feb. 28, 1906, and have Glen Franklin, b. Sept. 19, 1907; Leo Warren and Walter Vern, twins, b. June 16, 1910.

Frank lives in McPherson, Kan., and is doing well as a dealer in horses and mules. (g) Clyde, b. Aug. 23, 1882; m. Oct. 8, 1908, Bessie Lorene Cook, and had a boy who d. in infancy, and Margaret Evelyn, b. Jan. 30, 1911. Clyde was trained in the elevator business with his brother-in-law, John Clendenen, and is now farming in McPherson Co. (h) Viola May, b. Jan. 15, 1886; m. Aug. 1, 1906, Elmore Aaron Adams of Florence, Kan., and have Floyd S., b. July 31, 1908; Elfreda Viola, b. Sept. 26, 1910; and "Baby Boy," b. Dec. 31, 1911. Mr. Adams is associated with his father in the stock business and meat market in Florence, Kan. (i) Lola Grace, b. June 12, 1888; d. in infancy. (j) Zetta Bell, b. June 25, 1891; lives with her sister, Mrs. Clendenen; has a high school education, has learned the millinery business and can, if necessary, maintain herself.

George W. Stockham and family were pioneers in McPherson Co., Kan. He planted twenty acres with walnut and other trees. His interests were so diversified that the great shrinkage in sale values of 1893-96 practically claimed all he had; but he met all his financial obligations. He has great mechanical skill; is now working in cement construction and decorating; has a strong constitution and keeps young in spirit.

2. *John Cornelius*, b. Nov. 15, 1846. He homesteaded, timber claimed, and perfected land in Kansas, and still lives on the timber claim and is a practical farmer and stock raiser, and his lands are among the best in the state; has seven miles of hedge and fields of alfalfa. In early days he hauled his wheat from twenty to forty miles. His wife is a real helpmeet, and the mother-counselor of her kindred in McPherson Co., and in sickness is constantly called for under the familiar name of "Aunt Cass." The Stockhams in Kansas are independent people, honest and industrious, mostly progressive Republicans and members of the Christian Church. John C.'s three sons own farms of 160 acres each, near by,

He m. May 11, 1871, Caroline Lister, at Stiles, Ia. She was b. Jan. 19, 1852, dau. of Elipheaz and Nancy (Crab). Their children are (a) Elipheas John, b. May 4, 1872; m. Dec. 13, 1893, Della M. Barber, and

have Allie May, b. Aug. 4, 1896; and Lawrence L., b. Oct. 31, 1907. E. J. is a successful farmer in McPherson, Kan., and has a choice farm of 160 acres. (b) Dahl, b. Jan. 4, 1880; successful farmer and stock raiser, owning a quarter section of valuable land in McPherson Co., Kan. He m. Nov. 29, 1906, Loraina Stitt and they have Mabel M., b. Mar. 24, 1908, and Lloyd C., b. May 8, 1910. (c) Hugh, b. Aug. 18, 1881, living with his parents, having a farm of 160 acres adjoining his father's. He married.

3. *Mary E.*, b. Apr. 7, 1848; d. Sept. 3, 1848; buried on the Aaron Stockham farm, Scioto Co., O.

4. *Sarah Josephine*, b. Nov. 9, 1849; m. Oct. 5, 1871, Pearson E. Whited, b. Feb. 24, 1843; son of Jacob and Betsey. Mr. and Mrs. Whited live on their farm near Bloomfield, Ia. He is much interested in local school affairs. The family are members of the Christian Church, and the voters among them are progressive Democrats. The children are (a) Lottie May, b. Feb. 19, 1873. From association with two Des Moines physicians, she is competent to serve as a skilful nurse and often does so, and is devoted to friends and duty. (b) Lucy Frances, b. Sept. 8, 1875, qualified for teaching and taught awhile but gave it up feeling she was needed at home, where she has been very helpful to her parents and brothers and sisters. (c) Mary Edith, b. Apr. 22, 1879; m. Sept. 30, 1901, Joseph Wright, b. Aug. 13, 1878, son of Shelton and Mary (Williamson). They have had four children, Wayne, Cecil, Irene and Mildred, all of whom d. in infancy. They bear their loss with fortitude, living on a farm near Bloomfield, Ia. (d) Emanuel, b. Dec. 23, 1881; m. Jan. 19, 1908, Olive Murphy, b. Nov. 12, 1881, dau. of Mason and Mollie. He is a prosperous farmer and they live near Pulaski, Ia. (e) Charles Edwin, b. Feb. 8, 1885; m. Apr. 15, 1910, Golda Snoddy, b. July 14, 1889; one child, Georgia Marie, b. Jan. 14, 1912. Charles is a farmer and is said to be "making good"; lives near Pulaski. (f) Grace Ethel, b. Oct. 12, 1889, a teacher who qualified early, a bright little woman who enjoys her vocation. (g) Clarence Oral, b. May 21, 1893, who, young as he is, manages the home farm. The mother, Josephine, is a devoted wife and mother.

5. *Ella Ruhama*, b. Oct. 6, 1852; m. Oct. 27, 1872, W. W. George of Pulaski, Ia., now of Des Moines, Ia., b. June 24, 1849, son of D. W. and Margaret (Swiney). They had (a) Maude May, b. Sept. 8, 1873, at Pulaski, Ia.; d. Aug. 30, 1874. (b) Eva Lee, b. July 3, 1875, near Stiles, Ia.; m. Jan. 1, 1894, Rev. Hezzie E. Van Horn, son of Andrew and Olive (French) of Bloomfield, Ia. They live in Des Moines, where he is pastor of the Capital Hill Christian Church, and ranks high as a preacher. They have five children: Chloris Dale, b. July 20, 1897; Lyle Everest, b. Nov. 16, 1898; d. Dec. 16, 1900; Georgia Olive, b. Aug. 21, 1900; Evelyn Lucile, b. Jan. 25, 1908; and Joye, b. Aug. 18, 1911. (c) Mae Ruhama, b. Aug. 17, 1876; a former student of Drake University and now a faithful and efficient teacher in the Des Moines city schools. (d) Alva Allen, b. May 17, 1878, near Conway, Kan.; m. 1899, Alberta K. Linder, b. at Burlington, Ia., Jan. 20, 1879; dau. of Rudolph Linder. Alva is a carpenter and contractor of excellent ability in Des Moines. His wife was a teacher for several years. She d. June 17, 1911. They had Lois Iona, b. Apr. 20, 1903, and Margaret Lillian, b. Apr. 1, 1904. (e) Grace Geraldine, b. Jan. 17, 1881; m. Oct. 3, 1907, J. A. Thompson, and they have Georgetta Kathryn, b. May 30, 1911. Mr. Thompson is a skilled machinist, now at work on typewriters, and his wife, once a student at Drake University, taught school several terms. They live in Grand Rapids, Mich. (f) Margaretta Calfurna, b. Oct. 31, 1883; m. Feb. 17, 1908, H. S. Holley of Carroll, Ia., b. 1882, son of Henry and Olive, and have Mildred, b. Feb. 25, 1910, and Harry, b. June 26, 1911. Mrs. Holley learned millinery and dress-making, but decided to be a good home maker. Mr. Holley deals in pianos in Carroll, Ia. (g) Cordelia Ethyll, b. Oct. 26, 1886; taught school two years, and now teaches music, living at Carroll with her sister. (h) Earl R., b. June 7, 1888, at McPherson, Kan.; a skilled jeweler, with the Plumb Co. in Des Moines, having charge of the shop and manufacturing department. (i) Guy William, b. Oct. 29, 1890, at Pulaski, Ia., an active young business man, now clerk-ing in the Iowa National Bank of Des Moines.

W. W. George, the father of this numerous family, is a fine workman as carpenter and stairbuilder. His watchful oversight and his wife's motherly care have been rewarded with a fine family of cultivated children, and no better service can be rendered the world than the raising of such a family.

6. *Lucy Francis*, b. July 25, 1854; d. Aug. 4, 1896; attended the Davis Co. Normal Institute; began teaching early and taught eight years, and then entered the store of W. M. Brunk, her brother-in-law, as stock-keeper and clerk, continuing successfully ten years. She had real force of character, high ideals, and was very devout and active in the Christian Church and Sunday School. On Jan. 7, 1894, she m. J. B. Teagarden, an elder in the Christian Church at Fairfield, Neb. She spent a useful life, was a wise counselor and very helpful in sickness and distress.
7. *Martha Cornelia*, b. May 7, 1856; m. Feb. 18, 1875, John B. Young of Bloomfield, Ia., son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (French). They had (a) a daughter, who d. at birth. (b) Two sons, twins, Clyde and Clifford, b. Aug. 28, 1882. Clifford has had to bear the great misfortune of being infirm from birth, so infirm as to be unable to walk even with crutches without difficulty, but he has been most tenderly cared for by his devoted mother and affectionate brother, his father having died when the boys were twelve years old. Clyde is a leading grocery man in Bloomfield, young as he is, his store being given the name of "The Clean Store." He is unm., a member of the City Council, and with his devout mother, an active worker in the Christian Church. The father was in the grocery and milling business, but long sickness consumed most of his property. He left, however, a good home and insurance to help maintain his widow and children. He was a good man with many friends, and Martha, his wife, was a noble woman and devoted to her family.
8. *Mary Vesta*, b. May 30, 1857; m. Feb. 13, 1879, William Monroe Brunk, b. Mar. 23, 1857, son of Amon and Maria J. (Lundsford). Mr. and Mrs. Brunk are members of the Christian Church and generous givers. He is a salesman of high rank and great enthusiasm. He won the premium prize in 1911 by



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leading the sales force of 200 men on the road for shoe manufacturers of Chicago. He also owns and directs a farm of 260 acres. He and Mrs. Brunk are cheerful hosts, and the cousins like to head towards "Uncle Billy's and Aunt Mary's."

They have (a) Guy B., b. Oct. 28, 1879, at Pulaski, Ia.; m. June 27, 1904, Delia Still, dau. of S. S. and Ella D. (Daugherty). He graduated in the Des Moines School of Osteopathy, but became a traveling salesman earning \$2,500 per year; then entered the Des Moines Trust Co. and became manager of the real estate department, then secretary of the company, and he has just opened a new addition in Des Moines, selling over 300 lots the first week. His wife is a graduate of the liberal arts department of Drake University of 1903, of fine talents. They have William Summerfield, b. Apr. 9, 1907, and Guy George, b. Dec. 2, 1910. (b) Maude Calfurna, b. July 22, 1881; m. Sept. 27, 1909, William E. Robinson of Waterloo, Ia., b. Sept. 14, 1883, son of Chas. W. and Rosella (Stickles). They have one son, William Charles, b. Oct. 10, 1910. Mr. Robinson is secretary and treasurer of the great Hedford and Hitchings Foundry. Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of the Des Moines Musical College, chairman of the music committee of the Christian Church of which he is a deacon and in which they are active workers. (c) Charles Gregory, b. Jan. 27, 1894, soon to graduate from the high school, a fine student. There were two other children who died at birth.

9. *James Henry*, b. Apr. 17, 1860. He inherited a splendid physique from his parents, both of whom were vigorous types from strong ancestors. He is six feet in height, stands erect, weighs 225 pounds and rejoices that he was brought up on the farm. He attended the country school, took pride in good farming, allowing no one to make straighter corn rows than he. Because he thought the home place none too large for his younger brothers was the reason he left it.

In the fall of 1880 he engaged in general merchandising with his brother-in-law, W. M. Brunk, at Pulaski, Ia. To attract customers and meet competition they also engaged in the seed business, and Mr. Stockham made an arrangement with Albert Dicken-

son, the "Seed King," in Chicago, and by his skill in advertising he became a salesman of unusual ability and the firm prospered. The business continued for four years, but Mr. Stockham longed to go to college, and this soon became his dominant idea.

However, there were other problems. Three years before he had married "his Fortune"—Miss Dora Fortune, Apr. 23, 1882, b. July 24, 1861, dau. of John and Sarah (Baker) of near Bloomfield, Ia. The young wife and mother encouraged her husband's desires for an education. Their home life had been blessed with two sweet children, yet she did not hesitate to go. The would-be student received every encouragement from Mr. Brunk and special help from other friends.

Late in December the annual invoice showed some profit, probably enough to keep him in school for two years. Thus he rushed to the train, not having time to tie his shoes or put on a collar as the train was due, but once aboard, shoes and collar were soon adjusted; he rode all night, reached Des Moines, rented a cottage, returned home the next night, packed the household goods, shipped them to Des Moines, and then with the family made a visit to the old homes and explained the move to the astonished and anxious parents for the first time. He would have told them before but was afraid they would try to discourage the move.

Jan. 5, 1886, at the age of 26, Mr. Stockham, with his wife and two children to support, entered Drake University, where he continued a student for seven years, lacking one term. He never failed in an examination and graduated from the Ministerial Department with class honors in June, 1891, and from the College of Liberal Arts, June, 1892. Besides carrying a full course of studies he preached almost every Sunday for about four years, leading the churches at Maxwell and Colfax, Ia., in building two of the best church buildings in their respective towns.

During two summer vacations he engaged in building and selling houses to supplement his earnings. By careful management and the splendid help of Mrs. Stockham the college courses were completed without going into debt and without impairing the small cap-



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ital with which they entered. Mr. Stockham also designed the churches and residences which he built while a student.

When he graduated, he had calls to accept the pastorate of the Christian Churches at St. Paul, Minn., Columbus, Ind., and West Riverside, Cal., each one an attractive position. He was also solicited by F. M. Rains, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society to locate at Constantinople and take charge of the Christian Missions in the Ottoman Empire. But conditions at Drake University were such that he was prevailed upon to remain in Des Moines and devote his time and talents to financing Drake University. Chancellor Geo. T. Carpenter's health was broken under the strain; the school was burdened with debt and he urged Mr. Stockham to join him in saving the school, at the time saying to him, "By this change you may not get to preach much but you can thus become the means of educating many others who will preach." Pres. B. O. Aylesworth urged him to accept. The Board of Trustees had extended a unanimous call, but he hesitated to assume the responsibility. Finally he offered to make a trial trip and returned at the end of the fourth day with property valued at \$19,000. Encouraged by this response to his appeals he raised the cry for "*\$100,000 in thirteen days,*" the time yet remaining till Commencement Day. The cry was caught up like fire driven by a wind; students, faculty, ministers and friends of the school joined heartily and Commencement Day recorded the victory.

In 1896, Gen. F. M. Drake was nominated for governor of Iowa, and Mr. Stockham by hard work in securing delegates to the nominating convention favorable to Gen. Drake helped to turn threatened defeat into victory, former students of the university joining heartily in this service.

Mr. Stockham resigned the financial secretaryship of the university in 1897, after five years of important service, carrying it over the great financial depression of 1893-'97. But the Board of management never quite released him, and he has been one of the trustees for over twenty years. He has been honored as chairman of the Board, and as comptroller, in which office

he led the great campaign that saved the Medical Department, when \$158,000 was raised in six weeks in the spring of 1910, some of the largest gifts being made in response to his solicitation.

The great stadium, the pride of the central states, was a victory and triumph of Mr. Stockham's idea, even after the ground had been condemned and abandoned by the athletic board and pronounced impractical by many of the university trustees. Mr. Stockham believes in physical, intellectual and moral development along scientific lines. But his interest in humanity has not been confined to college work. He mortgaged his home for \$2,000 to help put on its feet the Personal Help Publishing Co. to sell Dr. Stahl's Purity Books, the "Self and Sex Series." He has raised more money for medical education in Iowa than any one else and takes great pleasure in the success of the Free Clinic at the Drake Medical Department, where already 15,000 treatments are given annually.

He has helped to work out details for some large advertising propositions. One of the largest shoe manufacturers in the country kept him for two and a half years developing advertising centers and training their 170 salesmen to improve their team work. He disliked to be away from his family so much and quit the road a year ago and has since been engaged in designing and building high class residences. He designs the buildings, buys the materials, engages the mechanics and supervises the construction. His talent in this field is recognized by competent critics and his large business experience qualifies him for fine results.

Whatever success he has attained he credits largely to his patient, generous-hearted wife, a good home keeper and true mother of his children, hospitable, earnest in church activities, a deaconess in the University Church. Mr. Stockham has not devoted his efforts exclusively to money-getting, and has declined many flattering offers of good positions with corporations. He is a member of the Christian Church and an elder in the University Church, where there are 2,700 members, and has been an elder for twenty years. Politically he calls himself a "Progressive." What most impresses the author of this history, and

what makes Mr. Stockham's career a splendid example for young men, is the energy and devotion he showed in gaining a first rate education—going through a thorough college course after being married and having children. He probably reflects as much credit upon our Chaffin race as any member thereof.

As already mentioned, Mr. Stockham on July 24, 1882, m. Dora Fortune. Their children were 1. Rae, b. at Pulaski, Ia., May 25, 1883; graduated from high school 1903, from Drake University, 1907, receiving Ph. B. degree; teacher of English in Wilton Junction High School, 1907-8, assistant librarian of Drake University, 1908-9; student in New York State Library School, Albany, 1909-10; librarian of Drake University, 1910; member of Margaret Fuller Club, and of the A. G. T. Club, and English Club; President of the Burgess Missionary Circle of the University Place Church of Christ, 1911-12: member of Des Moines Library Club, Iowa Library Association and Am. Library Association. 2. Ward Lear, b. Oct. 21, 1884; graduated from high school 1903, and Drake University, 1907, B. S., and North Dakota Agricultural College 1908, M.S.; assistant chemist at Experimental Station N. D. A. C., 1908; he. m. Ruth Alois Klein of Belmont, Ia., July 22, 1908, b. Apr. 17, 1887, dau. of Chas. H. and Alice E. (Thompson). She is a graduate of Drake University, Mus. B., 1904, and post-graduate 1905; did two years post work at Oberlin College, 1906-7, and has taught music two years in Congregational Colleges, and will teach piano music 1912-13 at Dakota Conservatory. They have one child, Dora Klein, b. May 13, 1909. 3. Maude, b. in Des Moines, Feb. 9, 1888; graduated from high school, 1906; student of Cumming School of Art, Des Moines, 1906-08; graduated from Drake University, Fine Arts Department, 1910; head of Art Department of Penn College, Oskaloosa, Ia., 1910; student at Art Institute, Chicago, summer of 1911; Supervisor of Drawing in Oskaloosa Public Schools and head of the Art Department of Penn College, 1912. 4. Dean, b. Feb. 23, 1899, at Des Moines; now (1912) in the eighth grade of the public school, a good student, full of promise for scholarship and an energetic life. 5. Mary, b. Aug. 6, 1900; d. in twelve hours.

10. *Elmer Sigel*, b. Nov. 30, 1861; lives in Bloomfield, Ia., associated with his nephew, Clyde Young, in the grocery business, but has been a successful farmer. He owns one of the best farms in the county and still directs its cultivation. The family moved to the city for additional school facilities. In politics he is a Republican, a member of the school board, an elder in the Christian Church and a highly respected citizen. He m. 1st, June 4, 1888, at Stiles, Ia., Sadie S. York, dau. of Levi and Cynthia A. (Wright). She was frail and with the hope of benefiting her health they moved to Pueblo, Colo. They had one son, Harlan, b. Nov. 2, 1889, d. May 10, 1890. His mother preceded him two months, dying Mar. 2, 1890—a beautiful Christian character. Mr. Stockham then returned to Iowa, where he has since resided. He m., 2d, Sept. 20, 1891, Anna Eliza Gooden, b. Nov. 15, 1861, at Stiles, Ia. Her parents were from Virginia. Three children, Cynthia Fay, b. Sept. 11, 1892; John, b. Mar. 18, 1894, d. Aug. 19, 1894; and Irwin, b. May 9, 1899. Mrs. Stockham is a devoted mother and good homekeeper.
11. *Lovina May*, b. May 20, 1864; d. Oct. 26, 1896; m. Apr. 21, 1889, S. O. Merideth of Pulaski, Ia. They had (a) Walter Clay, b. July 7, 1892; m. Oct. 30, 1910, Clara Mae Martin, dau. of William and Anna of Queen City, Mo., where Walter Clay now resides and is engaged in farming. (b) Hugh Carlin, b. Sept. 11, 1895. His mother dying when he was thirteen months old, he lived with his grandparents, Andrew F., and Louisa (Wolf) Merideth, of Pulaski, Ia., and is making fine progress in school and is full of promise. His mother, Lavina May, taught school one term and then gave her attention to teaching music for awhile. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Merideth lived on their farm until her death. They were both members of the Christian Church. After his wife's death, Mr. Merideth served a term as deputy treasurer of Davis Co., Ia. Later he became cashier of the People's Bank of Queen City, Mo., which he helped to organize, a position he still holds.
12. *Charles Edmond*, b. Sept. 13, 1867; a farmer and feeder and owns a fine farm in Davis Co., Ia., an upright man, a member of the Christian Church, and a pro-



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gressive Democrat. He watched over his father and mother in their declining days. He m. Aug. 27, 1893, Carrie Bell Meredith, b. June 22, 1872, dau. of Andrew and Mary (Wolf) of Pulaski. Children: Esther Myrtle, b. Nov. 2, 1897, d. Jan. 25, 1898; Mabel Calfurna, b. July 10, 1902; Mary Estelene, b. Oct. 9, 1905, and Charles Emory, b. July 6, 1909. Carrie Bell, the wife and mother, although never giving up hope until the end, d. Aug. 4, 1911, having met the crisis with Christian faith and courage; and her husband has borne his great trial with manly fortitude.

iv. **ALVIN**, b. Dec. 10, 1824; d. Apr. 24, 1852. Started for California with his brother, George, and d. on the Isthmus of Panama on the way out. Died at San Juan Delsure.

v. **CORNELIA**, b. July 18, 1826; d. Sept. 20, 1891; m. Feb. 3, 1846, Annesly W. Boggs, b. Jan. 15, 1823; d. July 2, 1896, in Vinton, Ia. In 1853 he and a brother rigged up a team and started from Scioto Co., O., and after six weeks on the road arrived at the little village of Vinton, Ia., where they bought land at \$1.25 per acre, and then returned to Ohio. In September, 1853, quite an emigrant train of them started for Iowa, arriving in October. He and his brother and Peter Kuhn and their families, twenty-two persons in all, got the use of a log house of two rooms, remaining there for two months, until they had erected log cabins of their own. Five years later Mr. Boggs built a brick house, one of the first in the county, hauling his finishing lumber from Muscatine, Ia., with hand shaved shingles, and boiled the raw linseed oil out of doors to do his painting with. He had one of the first covered carriages in the county and loaned it for funerals for 100 miles about. The first school house was of logs with slab benches; teacher's pay about \$20 per month, added to by private subscription. Wheat was 50 cents a bushel, corn, oats and potatoes as low as 10 cents; eggs 5 cents a dozen, butter 6 to 10 cents, dressed pork \$1.25 per hundred. But the Civil War raised prices, harvest hands getting \$5 per day, and stock and all farm products rapidly advanced in price. Modern machinery has made the farmers rich, so that now they have good roads, telephones, auto travel, etc—and farms are

selling from \$60 to \$250 per acre. Besides farming, in 1868 Mr. Boggs was in the grocery business with David S. Chaffin. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Boggs are 1. *Alvin Chaffin*, b. Oct. 18, 1848, in Scioto Co., O. Associated in the grocery business with his brother, Wm. C. Boggs, at Vinton, Ia. Later he manufactured paint at Fort Dodge, Ia. Now president of the Iowa Paint Manufacturing Co. in that place. He m. Sept. 4, 1873, Ella Reynolds, b. Oct. 23, 1852, dau. of Wright B and Julia (Benson). They had (a) Annesley Wright, b. June 14, 1874. (b) Francis Sylvester, b. Oct. 5, 1875; m. Feb. 20, 1899, Katharine Marklaw, dau. of John and Ellen (Ryan) and have Ella Maurine, b. July 10, 1901. (c) Alvin Chaffin, b. May 6, 1877; m. Feb. 28, 1901, Mary Jordan, dau. of Robt. W. and Caroline (Lockhart). (d) William Clemmons, b. Sept. 5, 1878; m. Aug. 18, 1903, Emma Anderson, dau. of Joseph and Uelma (Stevenson), and have Helen Jane, b. June 9, 1904. He is a jeweler in Fort Dodge, Ia. (e) Clifford Reynolds, b. Apr. 24, 1880. (f) Kirkwood Allan, b. Jan. 25, 1885; m. May 31, 1911, Mary Louisa Belser, dau. of Chas. F. and Ida (Grubb). 2. *Cordelia Tipton*, b. Sept. 30, 1850; m. Sept. 4, 1873, William M. Traer. Children: (a) James W., b. Aug. 16, 1874; m. 1st, Grace Quinn, and had one son; wife and son both dead; m. 2d, Nov. 14, 1900, Louise Murphy. (b) William M., b. July 30, 1876; m. Mar. 7, 1910, Sara Halleck, and they have one child. (c) Glenn W., b. Aug. 22, 1878; d. Sept. 9, 1879. (d) Lawrence W., b. Apr. 30, 1881; m. June 21, 1904, Harriet Shuck, two children. (e) Jessie L., b. Dec. 18, 1884; m. 1907, G. P. Palmer. 3. *William Clemmons*, b. Feb. 2, 1853; a man of marked character and a most interesting business career. He conducted a large grocery business in association with his brother in Vinton, Ia., with branch houses in seven towns in Iowa; handled real estate in ten different states, including Texas, California and the Dakotas; has traveled in all the states of the Union and in Canada and Mexico; has organized large land companies, a bank, and other enterprises; served four years in Vinton city council; member of various Masonic organizations, associated with his boys in opening up farms

in Michigan and N. Dakota; spends winters in Florida, California, etc.; has attended nearly all the World's Fairs, and means to see the Panama Exposition in 1915. This is a business career worth taking note of.

He m. Oct. 18, 1877, Mary Preston, b. in Ohio, Mar. 23, 1858; dau. of Ira A. and Margaret (Kent), and he writes, "As we are native Buckeyes and resident Hawkeyes we have always tried to see all we could." Children: (a) Earl Dexter, b. Feb. 17, 1880, living in Corvallis, Ore., an experimental fruit canner. (b) Clayton Preston, b. May 6, 1881; a jeweler by trade, but prefers farming and is living in N. Dakota. (c) Nina Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1882; now in St. Louis in a dental office. (d) Corliss Ferris, b. Jan. 30, 1893; with his brother in Dakota. This family are Presbyterians.

115 vi. DAVID SALLADAY, b. Oct. 10, 1828; d. Mar. 7, 1912.  
vii. GEORGE W., b. May 27, 1830; d. at Virginia City, Nev., Jan. 12, 1869. He was a "49er," one of the California gold seekers of 1849, of whom so much has been said. As the most profitable thing he could do he engaged in freighting and made considerable money at it. He owned six twelve-mule teams, seventy-two mules in all. He was finally taken with small-pox and died after a sickness of four days, and it was said that his doctor's bill was a thousand dollars. Perhaps so, but the person who settled the estate, and who was said to have pocketed the proceeds, may have misreported the doctor's bill. There was no one to call him to account, but he was reported to have lost his ill-gotten gains by gambling. George W. was unmarried.  
viii. MARTHA, b. Apr. 21, 1832; d. Oct. 9, 1872; m. Oct. 9, 1855, John D. Lowe. Children: 1. *Mary C.* (sometimes for a pet name called "Mellie"), b. July 14, 1856; m. Nov. 7, 1878, Charles F. Peterson of Clarion, Ia.; b. in Black River, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1856; graduated from the law department of State University, Iowa City, in June, 1878; practiced law; State Senator, 1906-1908; a man of high character and prosperous. Children: (a) Alonzo L., b. in Clarion, Ia., Aug. 14, 1879; graduated Iowa College, 1901; served a year in the Spanish-American War; now a

banker in Centuria, Wis.; m. Aug. 9, 1905, Ednah L. J. McConnell, dau. of Asa F. and Julia. Three children: Charles McConnell, b. Sept. 4, 1907; Richard Francis, b. Sept. 8, 1908, and Donald Robert, b. Mar. 29, 1910. (b) Twins, b. May 25, 1881, one of whom d. same day, the other June 16. (c) Ella Florence, b. Dec. 11, 1882; m. Dec. 27, 1904, LeRoy Sherer, and have Charles F., b. Apr. 18, 1907. They live in Luck, Wis. (d) Norris Charles, b. Oct. 1, 1885; assistant cashier in savings bank, at Clarion, Ia.; m. July 19, 1911, Amy Case. (e) Vera Ruth, b. Jan. 25, 1892; attending college (1912) at Grinnell. 2. *Ida Maria*, b. Sept. 8, 1858; m. Clarence D. Edwards and have (a) James D., b. Nov. 17, 1887, who m. Maude Baker and they have Hays H., Ednah, Janett and Edna Marie. (b) Brett, b. June 12, 1891. 3. *Shadrach C.*, b. Nov. 29, 1860; d. May 22, 1890. 4. *Frederick C.*, b. Mar. 27, 1863; m. Nov. 29, 1891, Anna Stewart, and had Hazel, Freda and John Marvin, and live in Oelwein, Ia. 5. *James Kirk*, b. Feb. 7, 1865; d. Feb. 20, 1887. 6. *John Richard*, b. Nov. 23, 1867; d. Aug. 21, 1895. 7. *Aaron Dudley*, b. Jan. 17, 1870; married and lives in N. Dakota.

ix. *MARY*, b. Apr. 26, 1834; d. Sept. 23, 1912; m. Feb. 15, 1860, Frederick Lowe, b. in Kentucky, Mar. 13, 1834; d. near Vinton, Ia., Nov. 28, 1905. Children: 1. *Abraham Lincoln*, b. Sept. 25, 1861; m. Carry Miller and had (a) Josie M., b. Sept. 2, 1893; (b) Willbert, b. Oct. 27, 1896; (c) Clarence, b. Jan. 25, 1902; (d) Frederick I., b. Dec. 13, 1905. 2. *Emma*, b. Sept. 23, 1863; m. Rev. F. P. Shaffer, M. E. pastor at Anamosa, Ia., and had Vera B., b. Sept. 10, 1887; Marion, b. Sept., 1889; Lloyd S., b. June 6, 1891; Lyle F., b. Dec. 17, 1896. 3. *Frank*, b. Aug. 19, 1866; m. Mabel Deibric, and had Bernice, b. Dec. 4, 1897; Harold, b. Dec. 18, 1902; Lucile, b. Sept. 28, 1905. 4. *Charley*, b. Apr. 1, 1868; m. Minnie Prichard of Tipton, Ia. 5. *Lavina*, b. Dec. 26, 1869; m. Oct. 28, 1897, George H. Searls, b. Oct. 15, 1874, and d. Jan. 3, 1910, and had (a) Waldo L., b. Oct. 9, 1898; (b) Bessie B., b. May 25, 1900; (c) Marvin, b. Jan. 28, 1902, d. Aug. 10, 1902; (d) Gretchen, b. Sept. 27, 1904, d. Nov. 6, 1904; (e) Irene, b. Jan. 7, 1905, d. Feb. 25, 1905; (f) Rosemary, b. May 28, 1906; (g) Mildred B., b.



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Apr. 30, 1908. 6. *George*, b. Jan. 4, 1882. These children were all b. in Nicollet Co., Minn. Mrs. Mary Lowe was an exceptionally fine character, beloved by all.

x. *SARAH*, b. May 22, 1836; d. Oct. 27, 1841.

xi. *SAMUEL*, b. May 1, 1838; d. 1910.

Shadrach Chaffin's 1st wife died Feb. 27, 1840, and on Oct. 3, 1840, he m. 2, Mrs. Juliann (Reynolds) Hayward, widow of Moses Hayward, dau. of Joshua Reynolds. By her first husband, who d. in 1837, she had the following children: Orange, b. Mar. 12, 1828; Sophia, b. Mar. 19, 1830; Horace, b. May 2, 1833; Lucy Jane, b. Aug. 12, 1835; Minerva, b. Dec. 3, 1836; and Moses, b. Mar. 24, 1838. Horace Hayward lives in Vinton, Ia. She d. Apr. 4, 1890.

xii. *LUCINDA*, b. Oct. 17, 1841; m. Feb. 25, 1864, Israel Jenison Emory, b. Aug. 5, 1839. Children: 1. *Ella M.*, b. at Powellsville, O., Apr. 19, 1865; had a musical education and taught music until on Aug. 8, 1886 she m. Louis S. Moll, a German shoemaker; lived three years in Columbus, O., and after that in Chillicothe. They have (a) *Ivy*, b. Oct. 30, 1887, was a bookkeeper but m. Aug. 31, 1909, Chris Ash; (b) *Ira*, b. Nov. 25, 1888, a shoe cutter, but played for awhile first base on the Ohio State League Base Ball Club; (c) *Clarence*, b. Aug. 4, 1891, a sole finisher and afterwards employed in the freight and baggage room of the B. & O., S. & W. R. R., m. Mar. 20, 1912, *Gaynel Richard*, who d. Apr. 30, 1912; (d) *Viola*, b. Oct. 13, 1893, an expert milliner; (e) *Verdia*, b. Aug. 5, 1897; (f) *Louis J.*, b. Sept. 14, 1900; (g) *Everett*, b. Mar. 6, 1905. Mrs. Moll writes, "I am a proud mother of my family as I have one to be proud of, and am glad I am of Chaffin descent." 2. *Orrin Cecil*, b. July 28, 1868; m. *Ida Dudley* and they live in Robins, O. 3. *Blanche E.*, b. May 9, 1871; m. Jan. 8, 1890, *Jacob Ruth* and have (a) *Belle E.*, b. Jan. 27, 1892; (b) *Stanley R.*, b. Aug. 11, 1894; (c) *Arthur M.*, b. July 1, 1896; (d) *Lucinda G.*, b. Nov. 5, 1900. 4. *Julia B.*, b. Aug. 26, 1874; m. Dec. 29, 1898, *Nicholas W. Lindeman*, b. Oct. 11, 1874, and have (a) *Howard G.*, b. Nov. 30, 1899; (b) *Gladys Anna*, b. Feb. 4, 1901; (c) *Orrin W.*, b. Dec. 15, 1903. 5. *Elizabeth*

*A.*, b. Mar. 5, 1877; m. May 26, 1907, George Lemon, b. Mar. 17, 1874; live in Wheelersburg, O. 6. *Clara Irene*, b. Sept. 30, 1880. 7. *Loie Avis*, b. June 24, 1885; d. July 26, 1885.

xiii. CYRUS M., b. Dec. 3, 1844; d. Aug. 19, 1900; unm.; lived as a farmer all his life time at the old homestead where he was born, and of which he acquired the ownership ten months before his death; a worthy citizen and a high-minded, faithful Christian.

116 xiv. WILLIAM J. WORTH, b. Dec. 29, 1846.

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PHINEAS BEAN (*Reuben* 18), b. in Lisbon, N. H., Sept. 10, 1800; d. Dec. 19, 1876, in Scioto Co., O. He came with his father's family in the year 1807 from New Hampshire to Greenup Co., Ky., and later lived in Porter township, Scioto Co., O. He m. Mar. 15, 1820, Almira Wheeler, b. 1802; dau. of Nathaniel, a Revolutionary soldier. Children:

i. LAVINA, b. Feb. 20, 1821; d. Mar. 28, 1905; m. May 5, 1842, Reuben Lamb, in the French Grant, O. Children: 1. *Mary I.*, b. Feb. 25, 1843; m. Claudius Andre. 2. *Willard*, b. June 28, 1844, in Franklin Furnace, O. He is a veteran of the Civil War; enlisted in the 173d O. V. Regt., Aug. 23, 1864; discharged June 26, 1865. A merchant for 15 years; president of the school board of Wheelersburg, O., for two years. He m. June 18, 1868, Rebecca N. Stumbaugh, and have (a) Emma May, b. May 13, 1869, d. Nov. 23, 1889; (b) Reuben Thomas, b. Feb. 22, 1871, m. Aug. 3, 1899, Eyle V. Mooney, and have Ralph M., Robert S., Teddy, Estella, Rebecca, Walter Willard, and Earl Leonard; (c) Mary Lavina, b. Jan. 19, 1873, d. July 26, 1878; (d) Persis Lena, b. Feb. 19, and d. Mar. 26, 1875; (e) Clara Etta, b. Feb. 8, 1876, m. Dec. 22, 1897, John A. Oakes, and have Reeta B. and Doris Mae; (f) Lucinda Orna, b. Oct. 10, 1878, d. Apr. 25, 1906, m. July 2, 1896, Prof. Henry Barrett, principal of the high school at Toronto, O., and have Elsie May and Katherine M.; (g) Hattie Marcia, b. Mar. 6, 1882, m. Dec. 5, 1910, Dr. Albert H. Bunshaw, and have Raymond, b. Oct. 1, 1911; (h) William Walter, b. Dec. 26, 1883, is a train dispatcher at Barstow,

Cal.; (i) Luther Leonard, b. Dec. 12, 1885, d. Sept. 30, 1887; (j) Bessie Alice, b. Mar. 6, 1888, m. Aug. 8, 1911, Ray K. Hummell; (k) Henry Harrison, b. July 6, 1891, is a chauffeur in Huntington, W. Va.; (l) Amanda Lois, b. Nov. 8, 1893, is a stenographer in Milwaukee, Wis. 3. *Persis L.*, b. Nov. 28, 1849; m. James Coyle. 4. *Horace T.*, b. 1850, is m. and lives at Waco, Tex. 5. *Ira M.*, b. Aug., 1853; m. Carrie Patten and lived in Franklin Furnace, O.

ii. **VILENA**, a twin with Lavina, b. Feb. 20, 1821; d. Nov. 9, 1850; m. Dec. 17, 1840, Horace T. Hall, and had 1. *Mary Katherine*, m. William Fullerton, who was killed in the Civil War, and had two sons, Elmer and Ezekiel. 2. *Jennie*, m. Rev. Mr. Root of Boston, Mass. 3. *Betsy*, m. Killian Delebar, a clerk in the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C. They have Charles, Jennie, Fanny, Ruth, Carrie, Florence and Katherine.

117 iii. **PHINEAS B.**, b. Dec. 7, 1823.  
 iv. **NANCY**, b. Oct. 13, 1825; d. in infancy.  
 118 v. **JOHN H.**, b. Nov. 9, 1827; d. in Illinois.  
 119 vi. **FRANCIS MARION**, b. Oct. 30, 1829.  
 120 vii. **WILLIAM BRACKETT**, b. Jan. 22, 1832.  
 viii. **MARY B.**, b. Oct. 5, 1834; d. in infancy.  
 121 ix. **THOMAS BRACKETT**, b. Sept. 22, 1837.  
 122 x. **GEORGE W.**, b. Aug. 27, 1839.  
 xi. **ABIGAIL**, b. Dec. 9, 1841; m. May 13, 1860, Francis Andre, killed by lightning about 1880. Lived in Huntington, W. Va.  
 xii. **ALMIRA CALFURNIA**, b. Aug. 12, 1844; m. Mar. 8, 1860, Augustus Andre of Wheelersburg, O., b. June 2, 1838; d. Dec. 24, 1907. Children: 1. *Sophia*, b. Mar. 29, 1861; d. Apr. 18, 1891; m. Richard Walker, two children, Harry, b. 1887, and Essie, b. 1888. 2. *Luella*, b. Dec. 15, 1863; d. June 24, 1889. 3. *Ora*, b. Dec. 20, 1864; d. Sept. 3, 1873. 4. *Charley H.*, b. Oct. 12, 1865, lives in Murfreesborough, Ill. 5. *Frank*, b. Mar. 2, 1870; m. Minnie Shy and had seven children, five girls and two boys. 6. *Augusta May*, b. Dec. 15, 1872; d. Sept. 3, 1873. 7. *Fred I. A.*, b. Mar. 29, 1876; m. Effie M. Patton, m. 2d, Grace Darling, and 3d, Alice Reyton, four children in all. 8, 9. *Loren W.* and *Orin A.*, twins, b. July 14, 1880; Orin A. d. Aug. 16, 1880. 10. *Florence B.* (male), b. Aug.

27, 1882; unm.; cares for his mother. Loren W. above m. June 25, 1902, Ruth Wall and had three children. He met a most serious accident while working in the Chesapeake & Ohio car shops, breaking six ribs, fracturing his skull and necessitating a sojourn of three months in the C. & O. R. R. Hospital.

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JOEL (*Samuel 19*), b. in Vermont abt. 1800. Like many another enterprising youth a century ago in New England, Joel left home early to seek his fortune in "the West" and landed at last in Ohio. His Vermont kindred lost track of him, letter-writing being quite uncommon in those days. He lived for a while in Seneca County, where he met and m., about 1825, Mary Ann Shields, and where his first child was born. Later he lived in Ontario Co., O., where he died, and was buried two miles up the Portage River in the place then called Hartford, but now Oak Harbor. Children:

- 123 i. ANSON, b. in Seneca Co., June 2, 1828; d. Feb. 23, 1868.
- ii. LUCY ANN, b. in Ottawa Co., abt. 1835; d. abt. 1906; m. John Titus Hennig. They are both dead; had two children, *William T.* and *Matilda*.
- iii. GEORGE, b. in Ottawa Co., and d. young.
- iv. ROBERT TASH, b. Feb., 1838; d. abt. 1908, buried at Elleston, Ottawa Co., O. He m. Susie Messerschmidt; lived in Elmore and Toledo; an insurance agent.

At Joel's death his widow m. William Ward Atkins of Vermont, a school teacher and then attorney and later probate judge of Ottawa Co. They had one dau., Frances Rebecca, m. Lauren L. Henion, and lived in Urbana, Ill. Mrs. Atkins d. abt. 1870, and he d. Feb. 26, 1885, in Lansing, Mich., at his daughter's, Mrs. Henion. All three are buried in the Elmore, Ottawa Co., O., cemetery.

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SAMUEL (*Tilla 20*), b. May 5, 1792, in Holden, Mass.; d. July 17, 1845, in Unadilla, N. Y., where he settled prior to 1830. Unadilla is in Delaware Co. on the Susquehanna River. There, some distance from the village, he bought a farm and built a good farm house and passed the remainder of his days, about twenty

years. He m. in Holden, Apr. 14, 1818, Abigail Rogers, b. Apr. 25, 1795; d. May 15, 1879, in Unadilla. It is to be noted that the first named child below, Mary, was an adopted child, her name being Mary Henry. Samuel and Abigail had lost two children, one aged 16 days and the other only 1 day, and they may have despaired of having children of their own. Mary became a true child of the family and the author of this narrative considers her entitled to rank with the other Chaffins. Children—this record is from Samuel's family Bible:

- i. A Son, b. Dec. 2d, d. Dec. 18, 1819.
- ii. A Son, b. Dec. 10, 1820; d. next day. (They were not named and their births were not registered on the Holden Vital Statistics.)
- iii. MARY, b. in Holden, Mass., Nov. 16, 1820; d. Nov. 10, 1898; m. June 8, 1843, Lewis P. Le Suer, b. May 23, 1820; d. Aug. 24, 1902. Lived in Belfast, N. Y. Children: 1. *Marora*, b. Feb. 8, 1844; m. Mar. 23, 1868, Walter S. Higgins, b. Jan. 23, 1845, and had, Ida M., b. Dec. 3, 1868; John S., b. June 13, 1870; Hugh R., b. May 4, 1877. 2. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 13, 1847; m. July 26, 1868, Kate Bradley, b. Mar. 17, 1847, and had Annabell, b. May 22, 1876; Ruth, b. Nov. 24, 1886. 3. *Helen*, b. 1850, and lived only a few days. 4. *Abigail*, b. May 25, 1852; m. Mar. 2, 1870, Lyman Chamberlain, b. Aug. 29, 1849, and had Margaret, b. Sept. 5, 1871; Minnie, b. Nov. 22, 1872; Henry, b. July 29, 1876, d. July 18, 1885; Charles, b. Aug. 24, 1881. Jennie, b. July 1, 1885. 5. *G. Peter*, b. Sept. 25, 1854; m. July 2, 1884, Della M. McNaughton, b. July 25, 1864, and had Maud, b. July 3, 1885; Allan, b. Apr. 7, 1887, d. Dec. 3, 1893; Mabel, b. Mar. 4, 1889; Leslie, b. Jan. 25, 1895; Madge, b. July 20, 1900. 6. *Mary*, b. July 16, 1861; m. July 28, 1880, Henry L. Parker, b. Aug. 22, 1855, and had Charles L., b. Sept. 14, 1882, d. Jan. 31, 1890; Lena B., b. June 3, d. Aug. 4, 1884; Berthia, b. Dec. 12, 1886; Cora G., b. Oct. 8, 1888; Burr S., b. Aug. 11, d. Dec. 23, 1891; Carl H., b. July 15, 1893. 7. *Hiram*, b. Nov. 30, 1866; m. Aug. 27, 1892, Ella M. Parker, b. Aug. 4, 1861, and had Minnie A., b. July 8, d. Oct. 29, 1895.

124 iv. **GEORGE ROGERS**, b. May 3, 1823, in Holden, Mass.; d. Sept. 22, 1879.  
 v. **HANNAH**, b. Mar. 18, 1825; d. Mar. 21, 1877, unm.  
 vi. **WILLIAM**, b. May 8, 1827; d. Jan. 17, 1851; m. Apr. 9, 1850, Lucy A. Guild.  
 125 vii. **SAMUEL H.**, b. Apr. 17, 1830; d. Apr. 11, 1911.  
 viii. **ABIGAIL C.**, b. May 14, 1832; d. Nov. 30, 1853; m. Nov. 24, 1852, Isaac Sterling.  
 ix. **CHARLES N.**, b. Sept. 9, 1837; d. Oct. 26, 1856, unm.

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**ELISHA** (*Tilla 20*), b. in Holden, Mass., June 10, 1798; d. there July 9, 1879. In early life he learned and worked at blacksmithing, but later became a farmer. The names and dates below are from his family Bible. One notes with painful interest the large percentage of infant mortality among Elisha's children. He m. 1st, Apr. 6, 1823, Abigail Goulding, b. June 21, 1799; d. Nov. 14, 1867; dau. of Clark and Prudence (Rice). Children, b. in Holden:

i. **HAFFORD**, b. Nov. 27, 1823; d. Feb. 3, 1826.  
 ii. **OSCAR**, b. Jan. 16 and d. Feb. 24, 1825.  
 iii. **HAFFORD HARRINGTON**, b. June 9, 1826; d. Sept. 8, 1878.  
 126 iv. **HENRY**, b. Nov. 29, 1827; d. Dec. 29, 1902.  
 v. **HARRIET**, b. July 23, 1829; m. Dec. 31, 1852, William Brigham Howe, b. Mar. 1, 1828; d. May 16, 1875, son of William and Adaline (Coleman), and had 1. *Theodore Henry*, b. Mar. 31, 1854; d. Dec. 21, 1860. 2. *Isabelle Maria*, b. Feb. 20, 1857; d. May 9, 1859. 3. *George Herbert*, b. July 1, 1860. 4. *Adaline Louisa*, b. Feb. 4, 1862. 5. *Abigail Matilda*, b. Oct. 23, 1866; d. May 22, 1867. 6. *William Chaffin*, b. Apr. 19, 1870; m. Nov., 1898, Ella Harned of Philadelphia; one child, Wilfred H., b. Mar. 13, 1902. The author of this history is under great obligation to Adaline L. Howe for invaluable aid in compiling the Elisha Chaffin family record.  
 vi. **SARAH**, b. June 27, 1831; d. Oct. 1, 1841.  
 vii. **LUCY ANN**, b. Sept. 23, 1833; m. Jan. 16, 1861, in Worcester, Mass., Calvin T. Fletcher of Boston, b. Mar. 10, 1832; d. Mar. 17, 1905. They had 1. *Eliza-*

*beth Blanche*, b. Mar. 1, 1862; m. June 11, 1902, Albert Turner, New Britain, Conn. 2. *Carrie Lincoln*, b. Nov. 4, 1865. 3. *Mary Effie*, b. Apr. 21, 1867; d. July 22, 1869. 4. *Charles Thomas*, b. Oct. 10, 1870. 5. *William Henry*, b. Nov. 29, 1876.

viii. **LINCOLN**, b. Jan. 25, and d. Mar. 6, 1835.

ix. **ABIGAIL**, b. Sept. 24, 1836; d. Dec. 16, 1860; m. Nov. 9, 1859, Edward Marsh of Worcester, son of Aaron and Sylvia; no children.

x. **MARTHA**, b. June 22, 1838; unm.

xi. **CAROLINE PRUDENCE**, b. Feb. 10, 1840; unm.

xii. **GEORGE**, b. Mar. 28, 1842; d. July 12, 1845.

127 xiii. **LEWIS GOULDING**, b. Oct. 31, 1843; d. Oct. 22, 1864, by an accident.

xiv. **SARAH EMMA**, b. Nov. 10, 1845; d. Jan. 18, 1846.

xv. **HANNAH**, b. Oct. 31, 1846; m. Oct. 11, 1871, Harvey H. Smith of Worcester, b. Apr. 20, 1846, and had 1. *Mary Alice*, b. Jan. 7, 1874. 2. *Walter Harvey*, b. Apr. 2, 1879.

Elisha m. 2d, Apr. 30, 1868, at Worcester, Mrs. Sarah A. Eldridge, b. May 31, 1807; d. Aug. 24, 1894; dau. of Amos and Polly (Lewis) Perrin.

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**NATHAN** (*Nathan* 21), b. Dec. 29, 1788, in Holden and d. there Oct., 1830. He was a cooper, but learned shoemaking and followed that trade in West Boylston. He m. (int.) Feb. 14, 1818, Sarah Larkin of Berlin, b. 1781, and d. May 23, 1820, five days after the birth of her child, who was:

128 i. **NATHAN LARKIN**, b. May 18, 1820; d. Mar. 14, 1896.

Nathan m. 2d, Apr. 30, 1821, Mrs. Patience Belinda Gile. She outlived her husband and after his death found her home with her son (by her first husband), James M. Gile, of Owasa, Ia. She was a tailoress and d. some time after the war by a stroke of apoplexy. Children of Nathan and Patience:

129 ii. **MATTHIAS F.**, b. Feb. 2, 1822; d. Sept. 27, 1897.

iii. **SARAH LARKIN**, b. June 27, 1823; d. Oct. 13, 1830.

iv. **CATHERINE AMANDA**, b. Mar. 20, 1824; d. Dec. 25, 1854, in Owasa, Ia. She m. Nov. 5, 1846, Otis A. Temple of Shrewsbury; no children.

130 v. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 14, 1827; d. Apr. 9, 1885.  
 vi. DAVID N., b. Jan. 22, 1829; d. June 3, 1832.  
 vii. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 18; d. Oct. 13, 1831.

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DAVID (*Nathan* 21), b. Sept. 10, 1798; d. Jan. 23, 1829 in Leominster; m. Sept. 12, 1820, Sibil Wheeler, b. Jan. 3, 1800; d. Jan. 28, 1843; dau. of Asa and Molly (Abbott). Children, b. in Hubbardston:

- i. HANNAH, b. 1821; d. Jan. 21, 1841.
- ii. JAMES, b. Feb., d. Sept. 10, 1822.
- iii. SIBIL JANE, b. Oct. 7, 1823; d. Jan. 25, 1826.
- iv. DAVID FRANCIS, b. Sept. 1, 1824; d. Sept. 6, 1825.
- v. JANE, b. Jan. 25, 1826.

131 vi. DAVID FRANCIS, b. Oct. 14, 1826, in Leominster; d. Mar. 9, 1859.

- vii. HENRY SMITH, b. May 9, 1828.

Mrs. Sibil m. 2d, Nov. 14, 1836, Harvey Burdett of Leominster and had 1. Lydia Jane, b. Sept. 11, 1837; d. June 9, 1842. 2. George Lyman, b. Apr. 4, 1839. 3. Infant, b. Dec. 1, 1841; d. May 6, 1842.

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JOSEPH CHENEY (*Nathan* 21), b. in Holden, Mass., Mar. 11, 1812; d. Jan. 7, 1877. He was a road builder and lived in Southborough, Shutesbury and Holden. He m. May 25, 1830, Betsey F. Newton, b. Feb. 7, 1810, in Southborough, Mass., dau. of Caleb and Esther (Harvey), d. Aug. 29, 1872, in West Boylston, Mass. Children:

- i. JOSEPH SIMON, b. in Southborough, Mass., July 20, 1831; left home in 1849 for California and was never afterwards heard from.
- ii. NANCY MYRA, b. Feb. 4, and d. Sept. 24, 1834.
- iii. WILLARD, b. Nov. 2, 1835, and d. in Providence, R. I., Jan. 29, 1871. He was a Civil War veteran; enlisted in Co. F, Sixth Regt., Mass. Infantry, Apr. 22, 1861, and served until Aug. 2; reenlisted First Battery Light Artillery, mustered in Aug. 28, 1861, to Dec. 24, 1863; reenlisted in Ninth Battery, Light Artillery for three years to June 6, 1865. He was unm.

iv. ROXY JANE, b. June 5, 1837; d. Mar. 14, 1877; m. July 2, 1863, James D. Farnsworth, son of A. B. and Betsey. In the marriage certificate she is called Jennie R. They lived in Worcester, where they married, but Mr. Farnsworth was for awhile on the school committee at Boxborough.

v. LUCILLA, b. Jan. 6, 1839; m. July 13, 1869, Julius B. Hubbard, son of Alonzo and Anna, b. Mar. 12, 1838; d. Mar. 8, 1911. They had 1. *Florence E.*, b. June 26, 1870; m. June 26, 1899, E. Roscoe McAfee, and have one son, Norman, b. May 10, 1902. 2. *Walter E.*, b. Jan. 5, 1872; d. Aug. 19, 1874. 3. *Albert E.*, b. Apr. 7, 1873; m. Aug. 31, 1900, Joanna Gibson, and have Albert E., Jr., b. May 19, 1902, and Margaret F., b. Apr. 6, 1904. 4. *Walter E.*, b. Sept. 9, 1880; d. Mar. 17, 1902.

vi. LYSANDER, b. Jan. 6, 1839, a twin with Lucilla; d. Jan. 6, 1839.

132 vii. LYSANDER, b. in Shutesbury, Mass., Feb. 3, 1841; d. Sept. 26, 1895, in Nebraska.

133 viii. WINSLOW, b. in Worcester, Dec. 13, 1842; d. Jan. 3, 1907.

ix. JULIA, b. Oct. 5, d. Nov. 11, 1844.

x. HENRIETTA, b. Jan. 8, 1846; d. May 31, 1902; m. June 4, 1865, Windsor A. Newton; no children.

xi. LORING, b. Oct. 25, 1848; d. Apr. 6, 1863 (one record has it 1865).

xii. CAROLINE, b. July 7, 1850; m. Oct. 17, 1867, John D. Seagrave, b. Feb. 27, 1814; d. Oct. 5, 1893; no children; Caroline his 2d wife.

134 xiii. AUGUSTUS FILLMORE, b. July 21, 1852.

Joseph Cheney m. a second time and had a son, who d. in infancy.

ROYAL H. (*Joel 22*), b. Aug. 2, 1793, in Walpole, N. H.; d. Nov. 30, 1881, in Holden, Mass. In 1817 Royal began the business of making cloth in that part of Holden now known as Chaffins. In 1849 he began making cloth for the State prison at Charlestown. He manufactured yarn as well as cloth and was famous for the manufacture of stockings. In 1850 his son Alfred

went into business with him, and continued it after his father's death, adding to it a grist mill and saw mill.

On Dec. 7, 1818, Royal m. Betsey Rice, b. Oct. 24, 1798; d. Oct. 23, 1830. Children, b. in Holden:

135 i. ALFRED H., b. Apr. 9, 1819; d. June 8, 1911.  
 ii. ALONA DAVIS, b. May 27, 1821; d. July 7, 1852; m. Oct. 14, 1841, Horace Mirick of Worcester, b. Nov. 21, 1817; d. Sept. 9, 1885. They had one child, *Lee Chaffin*, b. May 22, 1852.  
 iii. JANE RICE, b. Sept. 1, 1823; m. Dec. 5, 1844, R. B. Thomas Goodale of West Boylston, b. Oct. 28, 1822, son of Ezra and Sena; and they had one child.

Royal H. m. 2d, June 12, 1831, Lucy Rogers, b. 1806; d. Dec. 24, 1842. Child:

iv. MARTHA ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 16, 1832; d. Apr. 26, 1850.

Royal H. m. 3d, June 3, 1843, Eliza Ann Smith of Worcester, b. abt. 1816; d. Jan. 18, 1866, in Worcester; dau. of Thomas and Hepsibeth (Piper). Child:

v. WILLARD HERBERT, b. Jan. 28, 1848; d. Aug. 25, 1855.

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WILLARD STICKNEY (*Joel 22*), b. Mar. 24, 1799; d. Apr. 12, 1831. He was a physician in Winchester, N. H.; m. Sophia Doolittle and had children:

i. SOPHIA.  
 ii. MARY.  
 iii. ADALINE.

The Winchester town clerk informs the author that no Chaffin names occur upon the records of that town.

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CHARLES CHANDLER (*Joel 22*), b. in Walpole, N. H., Jan. 12, 1807; d. at Chicago, Feb. 19, 1881. He moved from Walpole in 1840 to Holden, Mass., and engaged in farming; worked awhile on shoes but was always a farmer. In 1869 he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Ross in London, O., and lived



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there eleven years. Six months before he died he went to Chicago to visit another daughter, Mrs. Wilson, and died there. The interment was in Holden, Mass., beside the grave of his second wife. He was a quiet, sterling man, of unpurchasable honesty, respected and beloved by those who knew him, a kind and indulgent father, with no blemish upon his character and life to mar his memory. He m. Feb. 14, 1831, Elizabeth Bailey, b. Sept. 28, 1809; Jan. 12, 1842; dau. of James and Elizabeth Bailey. Children:

136 i. **FREDERIC WILLARD**, b. in Holden, Mass., Dec. 1, 1831; d. Sept. 24, 1887.

ii. **CHARLOTTE MARCELLA**, b. Dec. 29, 1833; m. Nov. 8, 1850, Charles W. Wilder, b. Feb. 5, 1829, in Walpole, N. H.; d. May 18, 1856, in Cochrane, Ind. She m. 2d, Sept. 27, 1859, John B. Savage. He enlisted in the Civil War, was taken prisoner, and for some unknown reason, shot at Richmond, Va., Mar. 1, 1864. She m. 3d, Nov. 6, 1865, James E. Wilson, a Civil War veteran and past commander of a G. A. R. Post. Although a great sufferer from neuritis, Mrs. Wilson has devoted herself earnestly to the welfare of the survivors of the Civil War. She has been of great service to the compiler of this history, furnishing data he would otherwise not have secured, and she is a talented and interesting woman.

iii. **MARIETTA ELIZABETH**, b. Aug. 1, 1835; m. Aug. 19, 1854, Edward S. Betterly of Winchendon, Mass., b. Jan. 8, 1833; d. Oct. 27, 1888; a Civil War veteran. They lost several children and had also 1. *Carrie C.*, b. Mar. 23, 1861; m. Dec. 29, 1879, Robert W. Holman and had eight children. 2. *William J.*, b. Mar. 17, 1868; m. Minnie E. Fogarty, b. Oct. 1, 1871, in Holyoke, Mass., and had five children.

iv. **CHARLES EDWARD**, b. June 7, 1838; d. Sept. 8, 1839.

v. **CAROLINE SOPHIA**, b. Aug. 12, 1839; d. Jan. 3, 1911; m. May 30, 1869, Lt.-Col George E. Ross, b. June 6, 1835; d. May 29, 1887, at Chicago. He graduated from Dartmouth College 1859, studied law, entered the army in 1862; was active in raising Co. A., 45th Ohio Regt., was soon promoted to be Lieut.-Col.; served in the campaign against Col. John Morgan in southern Ohio in 1863, an interesting fact to W. L. Chaffin, the writer of this article, as he also served in

that campaign in the 58th Penn. Regiment of militia, and was a member of the company that had the pleasure of escorting Morgan's men, after their surrender, to Columbus, O., where they were held as prisoners. Col. Ross being in poor health in the spring of 1864, retired from active duty in the field and in the summer resigned his commission. This Chaffin history is very greatly indebted to Mrs. Caroline Ross, for she was much interested for many years in collecting Chaffin data, which she carefully recorded and preserved and which the writer has found of inestimable service. Col. and Mrs. Ross had one child, *Harry Eugene*, b. July 19, 1870, who m. Jan. 26, 1898, Grace Keifer and had two sons, George and Edward; another son, John, d. Dec., 1910.

Charles Chandler m. 2d, May 1, 1842, Harriet Farnum of Walpole, N. H., b. Feb. 25, 1820; d. June 11, 1853, at Holden, Mass., dau. of Caleb and Hannah (Capron). She was one of triplets. Children:

vi. FRANCES HARRIET, b. Apr. 27, 1843; m. in Manchester, N. H., Mar. 31, 1862, William H. Manahan of Worcester, Mass., b. at New London, N. H., Mar. 31, 1840; son of John and Lucinda (Felch). Like her brothers and sisters, Mrs. Manahan is a person of exceptionally fine nature and character, a wonderfully bright, cheerful disposition, domestic, modest, unassuming, and has the priceless gift of seeing everything on its brightest side. She has brought sunshine and happiness into her home and into her husband's life for fifty years, and has just celebrated with him their *Golden Wedding*. After their marriage they went to reside in Hillsborough, N. H., where they have lived ever since, and where he has conducted the business of real estate broker and auctioneer, and achieved real success therein. He was town moderator for twelve years and in a town that had been Democratic for 114 years; he was elected Representative to the New Hampshire Legislature for 1885-6, where he won a high reputation for oratorical ability. Children: 1. *Josephine Emily*, b. Aug. 14, 1863; m. Nov. 28, 1894, Dana L. Fuller of Fitchburg, Mass. She graduated from the Conservatory of Music at Worcester, Mass., and is possessed of a fine voice; a



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member of the quartette of the Smith Memorial Church for several years. 2. *Frances Gertrude*, b. Sept. 25, 1871. Graduated from the Normal School at Plymouth, N. H., and was a successful teacher for ten years in the High School of her native town. She m. Oct. 10, 1900, Dr. Charles Sumner Adams, b. Oct. 12, 1869; son of Charles E. and Vivian (Browne), and lives at Wollaston, Mass. One daughter, Frances, b. Mar. 1, 1904. Dr. Adams is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School. 3. *William H., Jr.*, b. Dec. 28, 1877, attended the schools of his native town and Colby Institute at New London, N. H., and later graduating from the Illinois College of Photography at Effingham, Ill., locating in Hillsborough, N. H., where he conducts a successful business. His work as an artist obtains wide recognition, having been awarded several first prizes in the New England and National Association of Photographers, of the former of which he is now vice-president for New Hampshire.

He m. Apr. 9, 1901, Ethel Gordon Brockway of Hillsborough, N. H., where they reside.

137 vii. **CHARLES EDWARD**, b. Mar. 20, 1845.

138 viii. **GEORGE WILDER**, b. Aug. 31, 1847.

Charles Chandler m. 3d, Jan. 29, 1854, Mrs. Mary Brigham Savage, b. Oct. 11, 1812; d. Mar. 7, 1888. Child:

ix. **ABBIE LOUISE**, b. Mar. 23, 1857, in Holden, Mass.; m. Oct. 12, 1882, George A. Holmes, son of Joab and Charlotte M. (Mead), b. Oct. 29, 1839. Child: *Charlotte Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 7, 1883; m. Dr. George O. Bartlett of Boston and have Mary Louise, b. Mar. 21, 1910.

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**HOLLIS** (*John 23*), b. Oct. 9, 1807; d. Nov. 10, 1888, in Rindge, N. H.; m. Apr. 3, 1834, Louisa F. Emory, b. Oct. 3, 1807, in Winchenden, Mass.; d. Nov. 5, 1888; dau. of Francis and Eunice (Philbrick). They died at exactly the same age, he six days after she died. He was a captain of the militia, an ensign in 1828, a lieutenant in 1829 and a captain in 1832. He and his wife were employed at the Worcester, Mass., Insane Asylum for some time. Afterwards they were Master and Matron of the

Dexter Asylum in Providence, R. I., leaving there in 1867, after a service of about eighteen years. They moved from Providence to Rindge, N. H., in 1880. Between leaving the Dexter Asylum and moving to Rindge he was in the market business. When he died he was called a "farmer." They had no children of their own, but they adopted Frederic, a son of William and Maria (Daniels) Gates, who d. about 1850.

i. **FREDERIC GATES**, b. May 1, 1844; m. Nov. 3, 1868, Sarah Stewart, dau. of Rev. Henry G and Adelia B. (Day), b. Apr. 29, 1846. Frederic lived in Providence, R. I., and was employed as accountant. He d. Feb. 29, 1872, and left no children. 2. *Lucien Torrey Gates*, b. Mar. 23, 1846; brother of the above; lived also in the family of Hollis Chaffin from 1852, taking the name of Chaffin as a son, though not legally adopted. But Hollis's wife's will calls him "son." He graduated from Brown University 1867, was head master until 1883 in St. Mark's School, Southborough, Mass.; also in Heathcote School, Buffalo, N. Y., Professor of Latin in Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. Since engaged in the musical profession, as organist, musical critic and editor, the composer of numerous songs, church anthems, piano and organ works. Now in New York City. He m. Sept. 15, 1876, Gertrude Caroline Sidway, b. Sept. 26, 1856; d. Oct. 20, 1886; dau. of Jonathan and Caroline B. of Buffalo, N. Y. One child, *Ethel*, b. July 23, 1877; m. 1895, Arthur Balthasar, and has two children: Vera and Ethel Parnell.

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**MOORE MYRICK** (*John* 23), b. Oct. 8, 1809, in Holden, Mass.; d. Aug. 6, 1869; m. (int.) Sept. 18, 1835, Caroline Daniels of Leicester, Mass., b. Oct. 14, 1812; d. Oct. 29, 1894, in Worcester, Mass.; dau. of Cyrus and Polly (Sawyer). Children:

- i. **LUCY DANIELS**, b. Jan. 7, 1844, in Worcester; d. Aug. 12, 1847.
- ii. **OSCAR EDWARD**, b. May 20, 1848; d. Oct. 2, 1885; m. May 29, 1878 in Worcester, Adalaide F. Lewis, dau. of Daniel S. and Anna G.



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iii. EDGAR, b. Nov. 29, 1851. In 1888 he received a share in the estate of his uncle, Hollis Chaffin, who d. Nov. 10, 1888.

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JOHN EMERSON (*John 23*), b. in Holden, Mass., Feb. 27, 1825; m. Dec. 31, 1846, Laura A. Adams, b. Mar. 10, 1826; dau. of Oliver and Zilpha. John E. was a farmer, and m. in Westminster, Mass. Children:

- i. FRANCIS ADELIA, b. Aug. 29, 1848; d. Sept. 28, 1851.
- ii. FANNIE LOUISE, b. Sept. 13, 1852.
- iii. MARY ANNA, b. June 28, 1859.

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CHARLES (*Jonas 24*), b. Dec. 22, 1801; d. 1877, in Dudley, N. C. Charles lived in Holden, Mass., and was postmaster from 1835 to 1849; selectman from 1829-1835 and again in 1841 and 1842 and also in 1849. He was Representative to the Legislature in 1833, 1834 and 1835; President of the Farmers and Mechanics' Club (local), 1870-1872, and a prominent member of the committee in charge of the centennial celebration of Holden, Mass. He m. 1st, Nov. 7, 1826, Abigail Parker, b. 1804; d. May 20, 1861; dau. of Timothy and Abigail. Children:

- i. ABIGAIL PARNER, b. Aug. 28, 1827; d. Jan. 19, 1893; m. Dec. 31, 1850, Augustus V. Sheldon, b. Dec. 10, 1821; d. July 29, 1899. He was of Fitchburg, Mass., son of Zechariah and Betsy. Children: 1. *Frank Kossuth*, b. Dec. 10, 1851. He d., date unknown; m. Anna Nelson. She m. 2d, a Whittaker. 2. *Charles Nelson*, b. Oct. 22, 1853; d. Dec. 26, 1900; m. Nov. 30, 1878, Ida Valena Harris, b. Oct. 14, 1855; dau. of Otis B. and Louisa A. (Allen). Children: Marion Harris, b. Apr. 16, 1883; Blanche Louise, b. Apr. 6, 1888; Otis Chaffin, b. Feb. 25, 1890; Lillian Elizabeth, b. Dec. 22, 1892; Charles Harold, b. Jan. 2, 1896; Kenneth Scott, b. Nov. 22, 1897.
- ii. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 1, 1830; d. June 24, 1911, in Germantown, Pa.; m. 1st, Dec. 28, 1852, Augustus F. Damon, son of Samuel and Alony C. He d. May 14,

1861. Child: *Abbie Augusta*, b. Sept. 2, 1854; d. Sept. 30, 1855. Mrs. Damon m. 2d, a Mr. Scott, who is dead.

iii. **CHARLES**, b. July 20, 1832. While at a school in Montreal, Can., left there and was never heard from, perhaps enlisted in the navy.

Charles m. 2d, Dec. 10, 1873, Mrs. Lucy I. Broad, in Holden; d. Feb. 17, 1901; dau. of Herman and Lucy Foster.

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**JONAS** (*Jonas* 24), b. July 17, 1820, in Holden, Mass.; d. Oct. 6, 1864, in West Boylston, Mass.; m. Mar. 9, 1848, Emily M. Winn, b. Aug. 24, 1824; dau. of Francis and Eliza. Children, b. in Holden:

- i. **HARRY WALTON**, b. Sept. 3, 1850.
- ii. **MARIA LOUISA**, b. Sept. 17, 1852; d. Mar. 8, 1869, in West Boylston.
- iii. **HELEN AGNES**, b. June 25, 1854; m. Aug. 20, 1873, J. Francis Pratt at Worcester, son of James A. and Caroline E.

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**JOHN** (*David* 25), b. Jan., 1792, in Claremont, N. H.; d. Dec. 5, 1864; m. Jan. 13, 1825, in Claremont, Delia Olney, b. 1802, in Springfield, Vt.; d. Jan. 11, 1872. Children:

- 139 i. **JOHN WILLARD**, b. Sept. 29, 1830; d. Apr. 11, 1912.
- ii. **DAVID**, b. Apr., 1835; d. Feb. 14, 1840.
- 140 iii. **WILLIAM HENRY**, b. 1839; d. Sept. 19, 1864.
- iv. **ALBERT**, b. Apr. 30, 1846; d. Sept. 14, 1855.

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**LYMAN** (*Levi* 26), b. Feb. 5, 1793; d. Feb. 3, 1863. He was a farmer and lived in Enfield, N. H. Several members of his family lived and died members of the Shaker community of Enfield, but he and his wife did not join them, although he often worked for them. He moved later to Springfield, N. H., where he d. His wife was Patience ——. Children:



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- i. LEVI, b. abt. 1817; d. in Canaan abt. 1860 under peculiar circumstances. He and two companions were watching a coal-pit to prevent its burning too fast. One of them named Johnson was a noted wrestler and bully. They had been imbibing freely and it is supposed that he and Levi got to wrestling on the bank of a river near by, and that Levi was thrown into the stream and drowned. His body was found there the next morning in seven or eight feet of water. The men could (or would) give no account of the matter when investigation was made. It was decided, however, that there was no intent to kill on the part of Johnson and the case was dropped. Levi was unm.
- ii. MARIA, b. abt. 1819; d. Aug. 26, 1840.
- iii. LUCY ANN, b. abt. 1820; d. Sept. 27, 1828.
- iv. CHARLOTTE, b. abt. 1823; d. Apr. 17, 1842.
- v. IRENE, b. abt. 1828; m. Nov. 21, 1861, Alman Parker, son of Amos, in Springfield, Mass. It appears to have been her second marriage. She left the Shaker society to get married.
- vi. CYNTHIA, b. abt. 1835; d. Nov. 2, 1844.

Patience, the widow, lived in Springfield, N. H., after her husband's death, and on June 14, 1865, she m. John Colby of Grafton, N. H. She was b. in New York in 1797; d. Oct., 1878, in Enfield.

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JOHN (*John 27*), b. Apr. 30, 1804, in Buckfield, Me.; d. in Boston, June 26, 1848; m. Avis Maria Swain of Boston, b. in Castine, Me., July, 1805; d. Jan. 26, 1856, in Boston, where they lived. Children:

141 i. JOHN HENRY, b. abt. 1830.  
 ii. HENRIETTA, b. 1833; m. Nov. 12, 1853, Francis H. Thorndike of Charlestown, b. 1825; they had no issue.

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RODNEY (*John 27*), b. in Buckfield, Me., Dec. 12, 1808; d. in Portland, May 11, 1886. When he was 17 years old he went to Boston and learned the carpenter's trade, remaining there about five years, when he returned to his native place and began busi-

ness as a contractor and master builder, doing a large and successful business. Many of the public and private buildings in that village and in the county were built by him. He was largely interested in the Buckfield Branch railroad at the time it was built, having the contract to build the station houses and furnish sleepers. He lost heavily by this operation, but, instead of evading his responsibilities, he paid every obligation in full, and with the earnings of years reduced to a few thousand dollars, moved to Portland in 1854, and established himself in business. Many of the buildings now standing in this city were built by him. He was a good mechanic, knew what it was worth to do a good job, and having given a party his price for a piece of work was never known to change it, therefore people with whom he dealt had confidence in him. He was his own architect. He was neither a smoker nor a drinker. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. He met his last sickness with quiet resignation and Christian hope. His wife was a woman of sterling Christian character, a teacher before her marriage and a writer of real ability, one of the leading Methodist women of her time. On Oct. 16, 1831, he m. Mary G. Waldron, b. Dec. 8, 1809; d. Aug. 8, 1876. Children, b. in Buckfield, Me.:

- i. MARY AUGUSTA, b. Oct. 1, 1832; d. in Roxbury, Aug. 18, 1894; m. Apr. 3, 1853, Joseph Dana Fuller, and they had 1. *Charles Rodney*, b. Dec. 31, 1853; m. July 10, 1889, Ada M. Foster. 2. *Mary Jane*, b. May 9, 1856; m. Oct. 12, 1875, William A. Mayo. 3. *Agnes Angelia*, b. Jan. 25, 1858; m. Jan. 25, 1882, Robert F. Piper. 4. *Ida Ellen*, b. Mar. 22, 1860; m. Sept. 23, 1890, Daniel Thomas. 5. *Frederick Dana*, b. Nov. 22, 1862; m. Mar. 14, 1889, Helen C. Clark. 6. *Carrie Clark*, b. Feb. 22, 1868; m. Mar. 19, 1890, Edward Snyder. 7. *Lewis Edward*, b. Feb. 23, 1871; m. Sept. 5, 1893, Etta Mabel ——. 8. *Emma Bisbee*, b. Nov. 31, 1873; m. Nov. 9, 1892, Robert B. Newcomb. 9. *Julia Smith*, b. Jan. 20, 1875; m. Jan. 26, 1895, Frank Speare.
- ii. SARAH JANE, b. Sept. 3, 1836; d. in Portland, Oct. 31, 1884; m<sup>1</sup> Apr. 20, 1858, Daniel J. Knight, and had 1. *Helena Jane*, b. Jan. 3, 1863; d. Nov. 17, 1887. Sarah m. 2d, Jan. 31, 1863, William Haggett and



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had 2. *William M.*, b. June 5, 1871. 3. *Edward Grant*, b. Mar. 4, 1873. **m 3.**

iii. **JULIA JENNETTE**, b. May 14, 1838; d. in Melrose, Mass., Feb. 5, 1909; m. Nov. 25, 1858, Francis A. Smith and had 1. *Francis A., Jr.*, b. Sept. 6, 1859. 2. *Edward Lewis*, b. Mar. 2, 1862. 3. *Julia Gertrude*, b. Oct. 29, 1867; d. Oct. 29, 1890.

iv. **EMILY FRANCES**, b. Dec. 31, 1844; m. 1st, Aug. 31, 1860, Chas. H. Gerrish, who d. Mar. 4, 1864, and they had 1. *Chas. Edward*, b. Aug. 6, 1862; m. June 17, 1895, M. Louise Taylor and had Stanley Taylor, b. Mar. 31, 1896, and Harold, b. Jan. 8, 1899; d. in infancy. 2. *Harry Bates*, b. July 10, 1864; m. Jan. 28, 1889, Nellie Evelyn Ham, and they had Chas. Harrison, b. June 21, 1890, and James Franklin, b. Sept. 1, 1891; d. Dec. 10, 1895. Mrs. Gerrish m. 2d Jesse Dustin Bisbee, July 3, 1867, and had Walter Thayer, b. Sept. 15, 1869; m. Oct. 27, 1891, Effie Louise Warren; no children. Jesse Dustin Bisbee, b. Brunswick, Me., Oct. 29, 1843; d. Dec. 19, 1907.

v. **AGNES ANGELIA**, b. Nov. 15, 1845; m. July 3, 1865, Frederic A. Gage, who d. Sept. 3, 1888. They had 1. *Charles Kimball*, b. Dec. 18, 1866; d. May 10, 1910, in Washington, D. C. 2. *Frederic B.*, b. Sept. 13, 1871.

vi. **ELLEN**, b. abt. 1848; d. 2 years old.

142 vii. **CHARLES RODNEY**, b. Dec. 18, 1851.

143 viii. **FRANK WILLIAM**, b. Dec. 18, 1853; d. Feb. 24, 1912.

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**GEORGE GRANVILLE** (*John 27*), b. June 30, 1812, in Buckfield, Me.; d. Feb. 21, 1888, in Norway, Me.; a carpenter, as his father was before him; m. 1st, Jan., 1841, Betsy B. Bonney of Buckfield, b. Aug. 30, 1823; d. Dec. 22, 1850. Children:

144 i. **JAMES BONNEY**, b. July 26, 1843; d. June 29, 1910.

ii. **ALICE**, b. Sept. 26, 1848; m. 1st, Oct. 20, 1870, Carroll Libby, b. Sept. 6, 1848, and had 1. *Lydia Jane*, b. Dec. 25, 1871; d. June 8, 1876. Mrs. Libby m. 2d, Cyrus W. Twitchell, Jan. 2, 1875. He was b. Oct. 9, 1837; d. June 22, 1909. They had 2. *Emma Alice*, b. July 18, 1875; d. June 15, 1876. 3. *George Granville*, b. May 10, 1876; m. Apr. 29, 1909, Alice Ma-

gown; has one child, Herbert Howard. 4. *Flora Alice*, b. Mar. 12, 1878; m. Jan. 2, 1897, Ervin York, and have one child, Sherbourne Floyd. 5. *Addie Dora*, b. Nov. 1, 1880; m. Nov. 12, 1896, Osman Hill, and have Gerald Osgood, d. June 7, 1904, and Minnie Frances. 6. *Rosetta*, b. Mar. 24, 1883; m. June 10, 1900, John Judkins and have J. Herold and Herman Loyd. 7. *Lena May*, b. Apr. 25, 1884; m. July 7, 1905, Bert Hall and have Elsa Lucy, Herbert Wendall and John Benjamin Harland. 8. *Benjamin Bird*, b. May 24, 1886. 9. *Cyrus Willard*, b. Sept. 28, 1890; m. May 19, 1912, Josephine Roy, b. 1894; dau. of Joseph and and Ozelina (Cote).

George Granville Chaffin m. 2d, in 1852, Bethia Lothrop, b. Apr. 15, 1829; d. June 7, 1907. Children:

- iii. BETSY, b. July 24, 1853; d. Sept. 16, 1888; m. Nov. 18, 1869, W. O. Stevens, b. Aug. 11, 1850. Children: 1. *Lora E.*, b. July 10, 1879; m. 1st, Nov. 4, 1895, Fred Stevens, b. Mar. 12, 1873; d. Nov. 6, 1906, and had Floyd E., b. Aug. 22, 1901. Lora m. 2d, June 15, 1908, George Tuell, b. Feb. 16, 1886, and had Margaret E., b. Jan. 6, 1909.
- iv. FREDERIKA LEWIS, b. July 24, 1864; m. June 12, 1879, Albert Whitman and had 1. *Clarence A.*, b. Jan. 13, 1881. 2. *Lula M.*, b. Jan. 12, 1883.

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ADONIRAM (*John 27*), b. in Buckfield, Me., Sept. 6, 1819; d. Aug. 8, 1907, in Portland, Me., which was his residence, although at one time he appears to have lived in Orange, Mass., as one of his children was born there in 1873. He m. 1st, Apr. 10, 1842, Lydia J. Bean, who d. in Portland, May 8, 1870. Children:

- i. NANCY Dow, b. Dec. 30, 1842; m. 1st, Sept. 8, 1859, Jerry Y. Pettingill of Portland, Me. Children: 1. *Margaret Eliza*, b. Dec. 16, 1860; m. Chas. Goodwin of Turner, Me. 2. *Mary Augusta*, b. Mar. 11, 1862; m. May 30, 1884, David B. Roundy. 3. *Jerry Y.*, b. July 26, 1864; m. Augusta A. Prince of Mechanics Falls, Me. Mr. Pettingill d. and Nancy m. 2d, Nov. 29, 1867, Danville Snell, and they had one child, *Fred La Forest*, b. Nov. 5, 1870. Mr. Snell

d. in May, 1887. She m. 3d, in 1889, Charles M. Lander of Auburn, Me.

ii. **ABBY ANNA**, b. Dec. 2, 1846; m. Jan. 17, 1865, Watson Rand of Portland, Me., who d. 1910. Children: 1. *Clara Woodbury*, b. Oct. 13, 1865. 2. *Cora Mabel*, b. Feb. 6, 1869; m. June 24, 1887, Sidney Eugene Laman of Coventry, N. Y. They had (a) Fred Eugene, b. Oct. 10, 1888; (b) Earl Stanley, b. Jan. 23, 1893; (c) Donald Watson, b. Dec. 10, 1897; (d) Albert Sidney, b. Sept. 15, 1904; (e) William Leroy, b. Sept. 25, 1906; (f) Herbert Washburn, b. Aug. 31, 1909. 3. *Bessie Allen*, b. Aug. 23, 1872; m. June 18, 1890, George G. Welsh, b. July 24, 1867, and had (a) Leon Chester, b. July 23, 1891; (b) George Gifford, b. May 27, 1893; (c) Charles Swett, b. Aug. 2, 1896; (d) Philip Carlton, b. Oct. 22, 1898. 4. *Hattie Crosby*, b. Dec. 8, 1877; m. June 11, 1903, Irving Ellis Mabry, b. Apr. 28, 1878. 5. *Burton Freeman*, b. June 26, 1884; d. May 26, 1903.

145 iii. **FRED LA FOREST**, b. Sept. 11, 1850.

Adoniram m. 2d, July 6, 1873, in Somerville, Mass., Mrs. Margaret I. Bean, dau. of William and Jane (O'Brien) of Nova Scotia. Child:

iv. **WALTER LA FOREST**, b. in Orange, Mass., Dec. 8, 1873; d. May 11, 1874, "of teething."



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JOHN (*John 28*), b. in Acton, May 1, 1808; d. Feb. 19, 1884. He was a farmer, a quiet, friendly, industrious man, known far and near as "Uncle John." He was a member of the Acton Military company, his hat and plume, and some buttons of his coat being still kept in the old Chaffin house. The plume is of blue feathers over two feet in length, and the hat is very heavy and especially burdensome to wear on a hot or windy day. He m. Apr. 21, 1833, Cynthia Patch of Littleton, Mass., b. June 26, 1811; d. May 28, 1867; dau. of Isaac and Hannah. Children:

- i. HANNAH, b. Mar. 16, 1834; d. Dec. 21, 1906; m. Dec. 11, 1853, Antoine Bulette, b. May 9, 1830. They lived in the old John Chaffin house in Acton, moving in there Apr. 21, 1857. Hannah was a quiet, motherly woman whose cheerful words and kind ways will be long remembered by all who knew her. She was lame and for a long time used crutches. They had no children, but adopted *Frank Wyman*, son of Charles and Lucia (Chaffin) Wyman, b. at the old homestead Oct. 29, 1870, and still lives there under his legal name of Frank W. Bulette, he being the fifth generation living successively in that homestead.
- ii. JOHN FRANCIS, b. July 4, 1846; d. July 26, 1848.

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SAMUEL (*John 28*), b. in Acton, Mass., Sept. 28, 1812; d. Aug. 16, 1882. He m. Apr. 16, 1839, Ann F. Bowers of Concord, Mass., b. 1808; d. Aug. 30, 1874. They had one child, who d. young.

On Apr. 18, 1877, in Acton, Samuel m. Mrs. Amanda W. (Simpson) Day, dau. of John and Lydia. She was of Lowell, Mass., b. 1832; d. Mar. 26, 1891. Samuel was a farmer of Acton.

ALFRED (*John* 28), b. in Acton, Mass., June 11, 1814; d. Oct. 20, 1885, in Leavenworth, Kan., where he was living at that time with his daughter, Caroline. He was a farmer. He m. Apr. 5, 1846, Caroline A. Mills, b. in Concord, N. H., Dec. 29, 1827; d. June 29, 1877; dau. of Nathaniel Mills. Children, the first two b. in Boxborough, Mass.:

- i. ELLEN E., b. Apr. 7, 1847; d. Aug. 22, 1863, in Leominster, Mass.
- ii. GEORGE A., b. Apr. 28, 1850; d. Dec. 25, 1874, in Fitchburg, Mass.
- iii. JOHN HENRY, b. July 27, 1853, in Acton; d. young.
- iv. FRANK EUGENE, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Jan. 4, 1857; d. Dec. 14, 1880, in Fitchburg.
- v. CAROLINE AUGUSTA, b. Oct. 3, 1860, in Sterling, Mass.; m. Apr. 3, 1877, Orren Colby at Fitchburg, son of Gilbert and Turesia J. They moved to Leavenworth, Kan. One child, *Josie*, b. Dec. 18, 1877.

LEWIS (*John* 28), b. Aug. 25, 1816, in Acton, Mass.; d. Nov. 28, 1857; m. Mar. 25, 1845, Catharine E. Hubbard, b. 1825; d. July 31, 1864; dau. of Daniel and Catharine. Children:

- i. LUCIA MARIA, b. July 28, 1849, in Acton; d. Jan. 11, 1909; m. Sept. 9, 1869, Charles Wyman, d. 1874. They had one son, *Frank*, b. Aug. 29, 1870, now the adopted son of Antoine Bulette, living in the old John Chaffin homestead in Acton, and has taken Mr. Bulette's name.
- ii. MYRON LEWIS, b. Mar. 20, 1853; m. Oct. 8, 1890, at Acton, Nancy L. Quinton of Walpole, N. H., b. 1863; dau. of Joshua E. and Mary A. They have lived in West Acton since 1884.

SUMNER (*Nathan* 2), b. Aug. 5, 1814; d. May 3, 1878. He was by occupation finally a farmer, but before the steam cars came, used to truck from Skowhegan to Waterville. He lived in

Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Madison, Me., going on a farm there in 1848 or 1849. He m. 1st, in 1838, Lucinda H. Adams, b. June 13, 1815; d. June 22, 1852, her death being caused by falling through the stable floor while hunting eggs. She was a dau. of Abel and Sarah (Kittredge) Adams of Norridgewock, Me. Children:

i. **EMILY AUGUSTA**, b. in Norridgewock, Me., July 3, 1840; m. June 12, 1862, W. R. Mack of Skowhegan, a Civil War veteran, who d. Aug. 12, 1864, age 36. They had one child, 1. *Lillian*, b. Jan. 2, 1864; d. Dec. 13, 1864.

Mrs. Mack, Aug. 15, 1870, m. James A. Hunter of Gardner, Me., b. Jan. 1, 1838, in Ayer, Scotland, once a blacksmith but later a farmer. Children: 2. *Forest Albert*, b. Aug. 5, 1871; m. Sept. 20, 1899, Katie E. Blair and has Marguerite L., b. Sept. 1, 1900, and Carlton F., b. Apr. 14, 1907. Forest is a machinist, enlisting in the Spanish War May 13, 1898, Co. D, First Maine Infantry. 3. *Fred Sumner*, b. May 14, 1873; d. unm. Apr. 13, 1892. 4. *Lulu May*, b. May 29, 1875; d. Aug. 26, 1876. 5. *Walter Earnest*, b. July 27, 1878; d. Oct. 23, 1902, a Spanish War veteran; enlisted May 13, 1898, in Co. D, First Maine Infantry, a paper maker, member of A. O. U. W. He m. Sept. 21, 1899, Victoria Edith Jordan and they had Evelyn May, b. June 12, 1901, and d. Sept. 7. 5. *Willis Sumner*, b. Nov. 2, 1880; d. Jan. 13, 1881. Forest and Walter were among the first to enlist in the Spanish War.

ii. **SARAH JANE**, b. in Skowhegan, Me., Sept. 6, 1842; m. July 4, 1868, John Lashon, b. June 19, 1842; d. June 25, 1903. Children: 1. *Jennie Bell*, b. May 14, 1869; m. 1st, Edward Dorr, and 2d, Chas. E. Russell of East Lynn, Mass. 2. *John Frank*, b. June 22, 1872; d. Feb. 23, 1874. 3. *Charles Fred*, b. July 4, 1879; m. Aug. 12, 1900, Addie M. Chase, dau. of Rev. O. M. Chase of Canaan, Me. She d. Apr. 8, 1909, age 31 y., 11 m. John Lashon, the father, was a veteran of the Civil War, and a member of the Russell Post, G. A. R., of Skowhegan.

iii. **MARY ELIZABETH**, b. in Skowhegan, Jan. 27, 1845; m. Dec. 29, 1877, Stephen H. Robinson of Athens, Me., b. Nov. 6, 1815; d. Mar. 1, 1886. Children: 1. *Ida*

*Mae*, b. Nov. 2, 1878; m. May 20, 1899, Turner Davis of Solon, Me., and had one child, Laura, b. Dec. 31, 1899. Ida m. 2d, Ora E. Brazier, Feb. 16, 1911. 2. *Alice Mabel*, b. Apr. 24, 1881; m. Sept. 18, 1907, Bradbury Robinson of Everett, Mass., and had Richard Weld, b. Apr. 25, 1909, and Evelyn Alice, b. May 14, 1911. 3. *Frank Edward*, and 4. his twin brother, *Charles Fred*, b. Apr. 25, 1885.

iv. **SUMNER FRANK**, b. in Skowhegan, June 2, 1848. At President Lincoln's first call for 9-months men for the Civil War, he enlisted and was in service for about a year. Leaving home later he worked awhile in Princeton, Me. He then started for California and never being heard from at home afterwards it was assumed that he died on the way or after he arrived there.

146 v. **ABEL WHEELER**, b. in Madison, Me., Jan. 23, 1850.

Three years after the death of his first wife, Sumner Chaffin, in 1855, m. 2d, Mrs. Harriet Judkins, who although considerably older than her husband, survived him several years and d. at St. Albans, Me., at an advanced age.

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**ABEL WHEELER** (*Nathan* 29), b. in Skowhegan, Me., Nov. 29, 1816; d. in Denver, Col., Nov. 25, 1890; m. Nov. 6, 1844, Melissa A. Harding, b. 1826; dau. of Jared and Cynthia (Roundy). They had no children but they reared, although they did not legally adopt, a son of Mr. Chaffin's brother, Sumner, the boy being named Abel Wheeler after his uncle. Mr. Chaffin changed his name so as to spell it Chabin. The explanation of this freak is well told by his widow, as follows: "My husband, while he was in Bangor, Me., was a member of a Boys Military Club, whose captain was Hannibal Hamlin (afterwards Governor of Maine and also Vice-President). The boys of the Club wanted to do something unusual and when the state legislature convened, asked to have a change made in their names, and that is how it happened that we spell our name with a b," Chabin instead of Chaffin.

Abel learned the mercantile business in Bangor, Me., and afterwards engaged in business for himself in Newport, Me., and was



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very successful. But because of ill health he moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where his sister, Mrs. Kirby, lived, but the climate not proving beneficial he returned to Newport and lived there three years. He then moved to Shelbyville, Ill., and engaged in mercantile business, but his health failing he moved to Denver, Col., where he died. He was a man of exceptional ability and character. He was twice elected to the legislature of Maine; afterwards at Shelbyville he was mayor for two terms. He was also municipal judge and master of two Masonic lodges, one in Newport, the other in Shelbyville. He was a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar.

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NATHAN (*Nathan* 29), b. June 26, 1819, in Skowhegan, Me.; d. Dec. 5, 1862. His father d. when he was four years old and he was bound out to an uncle in Heath, Mass., where he lived and became a farmer, an honest, hardworking, trustworthy man. He enlisted in the Civil War Aug. 6, 1862, Co. E, 36th Mass. Infantry, and late in the year was discharged for disability and d. in a government hospital, Washington, D. C. He m. Feb. 17, 1842, Laura Churchill of Colrain, Mass., who d. Sept. 21, 1873. After her husband's death she lived with her son Russell for about ten years, until her death. Children:

- i. CYNTHIA JANE, b. Nov. 27, 1842; d. Mar. 28, 1899; m. Sept. 18, 1862, Horace Churchill, who d. in Heath, June 6, 1904. They had one daughter, *Anna R.*, d. July 8, 1892; m. Apr. 26, 1891, Arthur C. Baker, b. July 20, 1871, and had Clevis C., b. Mar. 26, 1892.
- ii. MARY FRANCES, b. July 24, 1845; m. Sept. 18, 1862, Fordyce Kinney, who d. May 17, 1867, son of Abner and Lydia. The Kinneys had one son, *Nathan Abner*, who was b. and d. the same year, 1867, living only six months. Mary Frances m. 2d, June 17, 1869, William H. Chamberlain, b. Jan. 8, 1842, and they had 1. *Willie Leon*, b. in Heath, Apr. 23, 1870, who m. June 1, 1892, Hattie W. Wheeler, b. July 27, 1872, dau. of Erastus O., and Louise M. (Brown). They live in Orange, Mass. Children: Waldo Leon, b. June 16, 1902, and Eva Hattie, b. Mar. 31, 1905. 2. *George Myron*, b. May 26, 1875; m. Sadie Lee and

lives in Farley, Mass. 3. *Lillian Laura*, b. Mar. 29, 1881, in Heath, Mass.; m. Nov. 3, 1897, Lester M. Lincoln of Athol, b. Mar. 27, 1873, in Prescott, Mass.; son of Leonard and Harriet (Carpenter). They live in Athol, Mass., and have Rex Clayton, b. Oct. 21, 1898; Earl Ray, b. Aug. 9, 1906; Ralph Dale, b. Apr. 14, 1911.

147    iii. **RUSSELL STONE**, b. Feb. 1, 1848.  
 iv. **RUTH EMELINE**, b. May 14, 1853; d. Sept. 19, 1857.  
 v. **CLARA ELIZA**, b. May 26, 1856; d. Oct. 3, 1857.  
 vi. **LAURA MARIA**, b. July 9, 1859; m. June 28, 1881, Herbert J. Farley, son of Lyman and Hannah, b. Nov. 21, 1859. They have 1. *Grace Marion*, b. July 20, 1882; m. June 28, 1902, Chas. Orrin Wright, b. Nov. 23, 1881; son of Orrin Winfield and Ella Frances. They have one child, Beatrice Farley, b. July 15, 1908. 2. *Bessie Mabel*, b. Dec. 22, 1884; m. Perley A. Chamberlain, Apr. 17, 1907. He was b. May 17, 1880, son of Lyman and Clara (Willard). One child, Dorothy, b. Aug. 1, 1909. 3. *Herbert Ira*, b. Apr. 16, 1888; d. July 29, 1888. 4. *Ruby May*, b. June 15, 1891; d. Sept. 28, 1891. 5. *Louis Nathan*, b. Dec. 25, 1897. 6. *Robert Lyman*, b. Apr. 11, 1900.

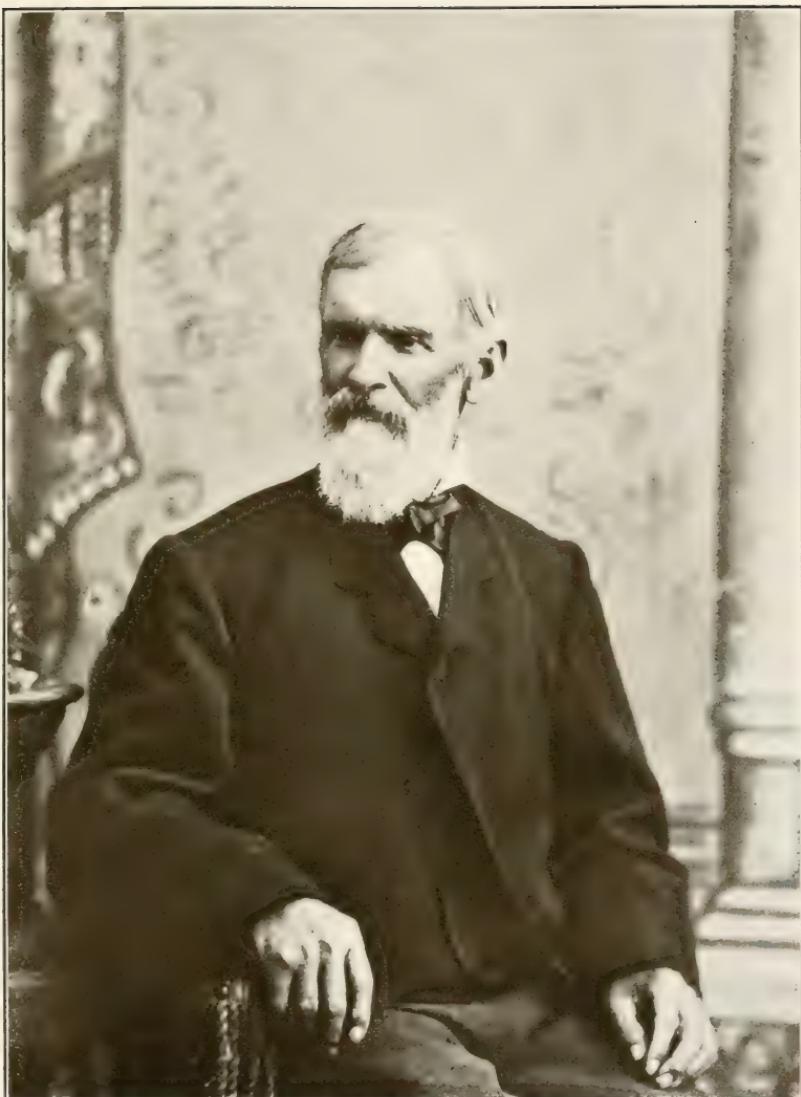
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**GEORGE FRANKLIN** (*Jonathan* 30), b. in Holden, Mass., June 21, 1833; d. there Oct. 15, 1859; m. Oct. 11, 1857, Tina H. Loring, b. Oct. 6, 1836, in Shirley, Mass.; dau. of Richmond and Mary W. (Smith). George F. was an upholsterer and lived six years in Charlestown, Mass. His widow, Tina, m. 2d, June 7, 1861, Matthias F. Chaffin, son of Nathan and Patience B. (Gile). Child of George F. and Tina H.:

148    i. **GEORGE MARCUS**, b. in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 18, 1859.

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**LOUIS RICE** (*Leonard* 31), was b. in Princeton, Mass., Dec. 3, 1806; d. Mar. 5, 1891, in Cedar City, Utah. He settled early in La Harpe, Ill. The town when he went there was named Franklin, but as another town in the state claimed priority to the name, it was necessary to change it, and the new name of La Harpe was



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suggested by Mr. Chaffin and adopted by the town. He was one of the first merchants there, the first postmaster and the first justice of the peace, and showed a great deal of push and energy while there. In 1852 he went to Utah with his wife and seven children and settled in Salt Lake City. He adopted the religion of the Mormons, enduring many of the hardships of pioneer life, and remained up to his death an earnest worker in the religion he had espoused, making many sacrifices for it, but he never became a polygamist. A brother of his in Massachusetts offered him every financial inducement if he would forsake his religion, but he was proof against such a bribe. In 1856 he fulfilled a mission to Australia, being absent for four years. He was a pioneer to St. George, Utah, in 1861, and an alderman there. He was a heavy loser at The Muddy, the town being entirely destroyed by fire in 1865 or 1866. He located at Cedar City, was notary public and justice of the peace for ten years and held many other offices of trust.

Mr. Chaffin m. Dec. 3, 1837, Mrs. Sarah Maria (Cossett) Mayfield, widow of William O. Mayfield, by whom she had one son, William Oscar, b. Oct. 3, 1834, who was adopted by Louis after his marriage to Mrs. Mayfield. She was a dau. of Epaphroditus and Laura (Hall) Cossett, b. June 2, 1815, in Mercer, Pa., and d. Aug. 2, 1891, in Cedar City. They lived together fifty-three years. She was a woman of refinement, and of strong nerve and courage like her husband, a loving mother and devoted wife. Children:

- 149 i. HENRY ALBERT, b. Apr. 19, 1839, at La Harpe, Ill.; d. Nov. 22, 1901, at Circleville, Utah.
- 150 ii. DARWIN EPAPHRODITUS, b. May 6, 1842, at La Harpe; d. Nov. 4, 1910, at Farmington, Utah.
  - iii. MARY ADELIA, b. Dec. 27, 1843, at La Harpe: m. Oct. 26, 1861, Joseph Weiler, b. Nov. 17, 1836: son of Jacob; d. Aug. 4, 1885, in Salt Lake City. Children, b. in Salt Lake City: 1. *Joseph Louis*, b. Oct. 17, 1862; m. July 23, 1891, Katherine Curtis, b. Feb. 24, 1867, in Gloucestershire, Eng., and had George Lawrence, b. Feb. 7, 1895; Kathrynne Veryle, b. Aug. 2, 1901. 2. *Mary Amelia*, b. Dec. 12, 1864; m. Sept. 14, 1892, Heber Samuel Cutler, b. Aug. 11, 1862, in Shef-

field West Riding, Yorkshire, Eng., and had Orville Weiler, b. July 15, 1893; Milton Weiler, b. Feb. 24, 1900. 3. *Anna Maria*, b. July 4, 1868; d. Sept. 13, 1869. 4. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 13, 1870; d. July 25, 1874. 5. *Edith Laura*, b. Jan. 1, 1872; d. Sept. 8, 1897. 6. *Jacob Malin*, b. Jan. 2, 1874; m. Apr. 14, 1897, Lily Susannah Nicholson, b. Feb. 20, 1874, and had Grant Nicholson, b. July 23, 1898; they adopted Nellie, b. Nov. 2, 1908. 7. *Gerda Belle*, b. Sept. 24, 1876; m. Sept. 17, 1902, Ernest A. Lamourne, b. Mar. 23, 1874, and had Kenneth E., b. Sept. 11 1903; Dorothy E., b. Apr. 29, d. Apr. 30, 1909; Richard Weiler, b. June 13, 1910. 8. *Lydia Adelia*, b. Sept. 16, 1878; m. Dec. 18, 1906, Frank Wilford Brazier, b. July 7, 1875, and had Mary Rosalynne, b. Sept. 22, 1907, and twins, Frances and Louise, b. Jan. 5, 1912. 9. *Darwin Leo*, b. Jan. 28, 1881; d. Nov. 17, 1885.

151 iv. **GEORGE EDWIN**, b. Sept. 3, 1845, at La Harpe; d. Apr. 2, 1899, at Bitter Creek, Utah.

152 v. **JOHN RICE**, b. July 17, 1849, in St. Louis, Mo.

vi. **LAURA ELIZABETH**, b. Dec. 13, 1850, in St. Joseph, Mo.; m. May 5, 1886, Rufus C. Allen of St. George, Utah, son of Albern and Marcia Allen.

vii. **JOSEPH LOUIS**, b. July 22, 1853, in Salt Lake City, where he d. May 12, 1854.

viii. **SARAH MARIA**, b. Feb. 11, 1855, in Salt Lake City; m. Nov. 30, 1874, John David Leigh, a farmer, b. June 28, 1847, and d. Dec. 10, 1896, in Cedar City. Children: 1. *Sarah Ann*, b. Aug. 31, 1875, a school teacher; m. Jan. 25, 1899, Alfred Froyd, b. May 25, 1866, and had Eliza, b. Dec. 1, 1899; Viola Marguarette, b. Mar. 23, 1901; d. Oct. 16, 1911; Alice, b. Aug. 30, 1902; Fern, b. Feb. 6, 1904; Maxine, b. b. Oct. 3, 1905; Beryl, b. Feb. 15, 1907. 2. *Sophia Lydia*, b. Feb. 16, 1877; m. 1898, George Little, b. Feb. 12, 1857, and had Judson, b. Oct. 17, 1898; Elzora, b. Oct. 5, 1900; Leigh, b. Aug. 12, 1902; Fern, b. Apr. 7, 1904; Juno, b. Mar. 30, 1907; Cyle Epanphro, b. Dec. 8, 1910. 3. *Betsey Rice*, b. Oct. 24, 1878; d. 1883. 4. *Corinne*, b. Aug. 16, 1880, and d. same day. 5. *Mary West*, b. May 22, 1882, a school teacher. 6. *John David, Jr.*, b. Mar. 29, 1885, a merchant; m. Nov. 6, 1906, Julia Emmet, b. Nov.



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20, 1886 at Kanab, Utah, and have Leo, b. Sept. 29, 1907; and Ruth, b. Nov. 1, 1909. 7. *Epaphroditus*, b. July 2, 1887, d. Apr. 2, 1888. 8. *Echo Fern*, b. Dec. 11, 1888, a dressmaker. 9. *Caroline*, b. Dec. 17, 1890; a school teacher. 10. *Laura Lusk*, b. May 13, 1892.

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EDWIN (*Leonard* 31), b. in Princeton, Mass., Sept. 18, 1813; d. June 3, 1883, in Newton. He engaged early in the "men's furnishing business" in Louisville, Ky., and succeeded there, but afterwards went to St. Louis, Mo., in the same business and conducted also a general store. About 1850 or 51 he came east and settled in Newton, Mass.

He m. June 4, 1844, Caroline A. Gore, b. in Boston, Jan. 25, 1826; d. Oct. 9, 1892; dau. of Stephen and Mary Ann (Hyde). Children:

- i. MARY ADELIA, b. in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 1845; d. Nov. 11, 1905; unm.
- ii. CAROLINE A., b. in St. Louis, Mo., June 25, 1847; m. June 25, 1874, Edwin O. Childs of Springfield, Mass., son of Otis and Abby (Holman). Children, b. in Newton: 1. *Mary C.*, b. June 19, 1875. 2. *Edwin O.*, b. Aug. 10, 1876; m. Jan. 11, 1908, Mildred E. Roy, b. Nov. 18, 1884; dau. of Felix and Etta (Towne). 3. *Caroline H.*, b. Nov. 20, 1878.

153   iii. CHARLES E., b. in St. Louis, May 7, 1849.  
 iv. FANNIE MARIA, b. in Newton, Mar. 14, 1851; d. June 17, 1905, unm.

154   v. GEORGE ALBERT, b. in Newton, Sept. 13, 1853.

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JOHN CROWNINSHIELD (*Leonard* 31), b. in Princeton, Mass., Apr. 17, 1823; d. Apr. 12, 1904, in Newton. In 1837 he entered the employ of his brother, Darwin Chaffin, who was the first man in Boston to open a men's furnishing store, his place of business being at 80 Washington street. Upon the death of his brother, John C. Chaffin started in business for himself in 1846, at the northeast corner of State and Washington streets. Later

he purchased the building at the corner of Washington and Franklin streets. At the time of the great Boston conflagration his building was destroyed with the entire stock. His new building was the first one to rise from the ashes. He retired from active business in 1896.

Mr. Chaffin had among his patrons many distinguished men, including Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, Charles Sumner, Garrison Gray Otis, Josiah Quincy, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, Henry W. Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Robert C. Winthrop, Governor Andrew, General Butler, Joseph Jefferson, William Warren, Rufus Choate, President Franklin Pierce, Judge Horace Gray and Richard Olney.

Mr. Chaffin was a benevolent and public spirited man. Among his other benefactions he gave and furnished a room in the Newton public library, and he left a fund for the benefit of poor boys. On Aug. 20, 1847, he m. Mary E. Cole, b. Feb. 3, 1828; d. Mar. 30, 1905; dau. of Andrew and Elizabeth (Robinson). Children:

- i. ALICE MARIA, b. July 16, 1848; d. Feb. 16, 1853.
- ii. WALTER, b. Nov. 21, 1853; d. Sept. 18, 1860.
- iii. ANNIE V., b. Nov. 10, 1855; d. Apr. 11, 1863.
- iv. HATTIE WEST, b. Mar. 13, 1858; m. July 21, 1904,  
J. P. R. Sherman, b. 1849; son of Charles B. and  
Sarah C. (Rice).
- v. EVERETT, b. July 11, 1860; d. Aug. 29, 1861.
- vi. ARTHUR, b. June 5, 1865; d. Nov. 12, 1867.
- vii. ALBERT, b. Oct. 1, 1872; d. Dec. 25, 1891.

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SAMUEL EVANS (*Samuel 32*), b. Feb. 27, 1811, in Weston, Vt.; d. Oct. 14, 1865, at East Troy, Wis. In 1837 he went to Wisconsin and took up a land claim which he afterwards purchased from the government. He went back to Vermont in the autumn, and in the spring of 1838 he returned to Wisconsin with his wife and baby, his mother and his wife's brother, Stillman Pollard, settling on the farm he had selected the year before, where he spent the remainder of his life. At the time of his death his farm was one of the finest in the township and it was upon this farm that twelve of his children were born, and some of them



SAMUEL E. CHAFIN'S DAUGHTERS IN 1868  
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ELEANOR M. ELIZA A. HELEN N.





have lived there continuously to the present time (1912). He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church of East Troy. In politics he was a Republican but never an office seeker, his chief interest in life being that of caring for his family. If any proof were needed to show that he and his wife were persons of exceptionally high character and ability, it is to be found in the unusual worth and capacity of their children, of whom these parents had good reason to be proud. Samuel Evans Chafin m. Mar. 5, 1835, Betsey Almyra Pollard, b. at Surrey, N. H., May 3, 1817; d. at East Troy, Mar. 18, 1882; dau. of James and Martha (Martin). Children, all but the first of whom were b. on the farm at East Troy, Wis.:

- i. WILDER SAMUEL, b. Oct. 31, 1836, in Weston, Vt.; d. Apr. 10, 1851, East Troy.
- ii. JOSEPHINE CAROLINE, b. June 9, 1839; still lives (1912) on the farm where she was b.
- iii. ELIZA ANN, b. May 12, 1841; d. where she was b., Dec. 9, 1893.
- 155 iv. GEORGE MARTIN, b. Dec. 31, 1842; d. Feb. 11, 1909, at Riverside, Cal.
- 156 v. AMOS POLLARD, b. Oct. 24, 1844; d. Aug. 15, 1885, at Mukwonago, Wis.
- 157 vi. LORENZO FARLEY, b. May 16, 1846.
- vii. HELEN NANCY, b. Nov. 12, 1848; m. Jan. 2, 1872, Charles Fordham. Children: 1. *John*, b. May 9, 1875; d. June 6, 1896. 2. *Reigh*, b. Dec. 25, 1877; m. Apr. 28, 1903, Bertha Cooper. 3. *Frank*, b. May 15, 1887; m. June 10, 1908, Addie Trobaugh, and had twins, Jessie Eleanor and Bessie Lenord, b. June 23, 1909. Charles Fordham d. June 4, 1904, and Helen and her two boys live in Wichita, Kan., where she and her husband went in 1873.
- viii. FANNY OELLA, b. Dec. 17, 1850; d. Mar. 1, 1911, on the farm where she was b. For the material for this sketch the writer is indebted to a paper read at the funeral service by Mrs. Alura Collins Hollister of Dodgers Corners, Wis., a lifelong friend of Miss Chafin. An earnest and sincere student in her school days, she graduated from the Whitewater State Normal School in 1879. She taught school for three years, but afterwards prepared herself for a business

career by learning typewriting and stenography. Her special ability in this line was signally proved by her being chosen for a position as the result of a competitive examination in which there were fifty applicants examined. Some years ago she was engaged as secretary by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. This transferred her work to New York City, where she made many friends, and found congenial companionship with some of the brightest women workers and thinkers engaged in the reform movements of the day. Wherever she was, on the old farm where she was born, in school either as pupil or teacher, or in office work, she was always faithful, earnest, conscientious, quiet, unpretentious. No one can look at her picture, which is given here, without being impressed, not merely by her personal beauty, but also by her evident sweetness and force of character, and her intellectual superiority. It must have been a comfort to her, if she was to die, to pass away at the dear home she had always loved. There a beautiful and appreciative funeral service was held on Dec. 6. Many affectionate and appreciative testimonials were sent to various members of the family, revealing a high estimate of her character and personal qualities. A beautiful booklet with her picture, with these testimonials, and with the funeral service, was published not long after her death.

158 ix. EUGENE WILDER, b. Nov. 1, 1852.  
x. ROSELLA HARRIET, b. Apr. 12, 1854; resided on the farm where she was born for almost fifty-six years, when, Jan. 25, 1910, she m. Edwin Owen, since which time they have resided in Waukesha, Wis.  
xi. ELEANOR MARTHA, b. Apr. 16, 1856. She graduated from the Whitewater Normal School in 1879, having previously taught school for awhile. On Dec. 15, 1879, she m. Dr. George C. Stockman, and they have lived in Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Mason City, Ia. One child, *Ruth C.*, b. Dec. 26, 1880; m. June 22, 1910, Edward Johnson and had Eleanor Josephine, b. Oct. 7, 1911. They reside in Fort Dodge, Ia.  
159 xii. JOHN PETTS, b. Mar. 8, 1858.  
xiii. WILFORD WELMAN, b. July 30, 1861: d. Mar. 1, 1862.



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WILDER CHAMBERLAIN (*Samuel 32*), b. Dec. 1, 1813, in Weston, Vt.; d. Oct. 8, 1870. He went to Wisconsin in 1836 and took up a government claim of land in the town of Mukwonago and there he lived as a farmer the greater part of his life, although for a time he worked as a cabinet maker. He m. 1st, May 9, 1839, Laura A. Barker, b. 1816; d. Oct. 23, 1842. One child:

i. JOHN W., b. July, 1840; d. Jan. 16, 1843.

Wilder m. 2d, Jan. 29, 1845, Amelia Trifosa Graves, dau. of Gaylord and Nancy (Tuckerman), b. Nov. 22, 1824; d. Apr. 25, 1900. Children:

ii. LAURA ELVIRA, b. Dec. 31, 1845.

iii. PARTHENA, b. Aug. 31, 1847; m. Mar. 5, 1881, Andrew Stockman.

iv. MARY JANE, b. May 2, 1849; m. Apr. 30, 1875, Dugald Wallace. Child, *Howard James*, b. Feb. 2, 1879; m. June 26, 1907, Rubie Smith.

v. NETTIE MARIA, b. July 12, 1851; d. Jan. 2, 1909.

vi. PAGE WILDER, b. May 7, 1853; d. Nov. 1, 1871.

vii. JAMES HOWARD, b. Nov. 2, 1855; d. Feb. 3, 1868.

160 viii. GAYLORD GRAVES, b. Oct. 2, 1857.

ix. ELLA FRANCES, b. June 8, 1859; d. Feb. 10, 1862.

x. AARON WHEELER, b. Dec. 12, 1861; d. Feb. 24, 1862.

xi. NELLIE MAY, b. May 12, 1864.

CHRISTOPHER PAGE FARLY (*Samuel 32*), b. in Weston, Vt., Apr. 9, 1819; d. Aug. 25, 1893, at East Troy, Wis.; m. Sept. 26, 1849, Parthena Graves, dau. of Gaylord Graves, one of the first settlers of East Troy. She was b. Sept. 23, 1826, and d. May 29, 1908. Christopher went to Wisconsin in 1838, remaining there about one year, then returned to Vermont and stayed there about five years working at the carpenter trade and cabinet making. Then about 1844 he went to Wisconsin again and took up a farm of 120 acres on which he resided until the time of his death. It is now owned by his son's widow and his grandson, H. Howard Chafin. Christopher held the office of school district treasurer for over thirty years, and was several times elected supervisor of his township. The children were:

161 i. **FRANK GRAVES**, b. Dec. 24, 1850; d. June 2, 1891.  
 ii. **AUGUSTA PARTHENA**, b. July 29, 1854; d. Oct. 16, 1861.  
 iii. **HENRY FARLEY**, b. Nov. 11, 1863; d. Nov. 28, 1874.

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**ALONZO** (*Joel Matthews* 33), b. Dec. 14, 1812; m. July 20, 1837, Catherine J. Freer. Children:

- i. **ANN ELIZABETH**, b. July 18, 1838.
- ii. **ELNORA**, b. Sept. 16, 1841; d. June 15, 1843.
- iii. **JOEL**, b. Feb. 3, 1844; d. Dec. 27, 1846.
- iv. **JOHN W.**, b. June 7, 1846.
- v. **MARGARET W.**, b. May 7, 1849; d. Apr. 5, 1851.
- vi. **LUCINDA**, b. July 23, 1851.
- vii. **RACHEL T.**, b. July 27, 1855.

Alonzo lived in Stillwater, N. Y., and probably d. there before 1877.

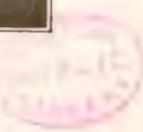
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**AARON WHEELER** (*David* 34), b. July 9, 1821, in Landgrove, Vt.; d. Feb. 3, 1874, in Lynn, Mass. He studied at Brown University 1846, 1847. Being a proficient scholar in the languages, he taught Hebrew, Greek and Latin in the New Hampton, N. H., Academy for a year or two. He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1850. It deserves recording here that he and the writer of this sketch, Rev. W. L. Chaffin, North Easton, Mass., are the only ministers the New England line of Chaffins have produced, the family not being prolific in ministerial timber.

Aaron Chaffin was pastor in Danversport, Mass., where he was ordained, and remained there twelve years. He then removed to Manchester, N. H., and was pastor of the Merrimac Baptist Church for about six years. After a short period of invalidism he settled in Hudson, N. H., and was there four years and a half, when his health failed and he moved to Lynn, Mass., where two of his children were employed; and there he d. Feb. 3, 1874. Although he was not the author of any book, he was a contributor to his denominational paper. He was described by one who knew him as a "good preacher and faithful pastor having a warm and sympathetic nature; his ministry blessed with several revivals, and



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conversions occurred nearly every year. He baptized sixty-seven persons and welcomed 167 into church fellowship."

Aaron Chaffin m. Apr. 20, 1848, in Boston, Catherine Kimball Shattuck of Amherst, N. H., b. Dec. 15, 1822; d. Dec. 2, 1907; dau. of Nathaniel and Sally (Stanley). Children:

- i. **LUCIUS WILLARD**, b. Oct. 14, 1849, in New Hampton, N. H.; d. May 13, 1852.
- ii. **CATHERINE PORTER**, b. Mar. 22, 1852, in Danvers, Mass.; m. Aug. 26, 1874, at Winthrop, Mass., Rev. Miles N. Reed of Oakland, Me., a Baptist minister, b. Aug. 8, 1844, at Berlin Heights, O.; son of Isaac A. and Margaret. Their children: 1. *Grace Stanley*, b. July 25, 1875; m. Nov., 1895, Bradbury Phipps. 2. *Newton Chaffin*, b. June 20, 1877, a reporter for the *Evening Express*, Portland, Me. 3. *Jennie Maria*, b. Jan. 17, 1889, and is now (1912) a senior in Colby College, Waterville, Me.
- iii. **HERMAN STUART**, b. July 11, 1853; d. Nov. 5, 1897; a salesman at Paine's in Boston, and then at Jordan and Marsh's in Boston.
- iv. **LOVE MARIA**, b. Jan. 10, 1856; d. Sept. 23, 1856.
- v. **ELLA FRANCES**, b. July 3, 1857.
- vi. **JENNIE SEATON**, b. Jan. 25, 1860; m. Mar. 24, 1886, Frank Frizzell, son of Albert and Harriet S., and reside in Lynn. Children: 1. *Mildred Catherine*, b. Nov. 10, 1889. 2. *Madeline Breed*, b. Mar. 28, 1893.

**ORIN** (*Asaph* 36), b. in Boxboro, Mass., abt. 1806; d. Apr. 8, 1853; was a stone cutter and contractor; went to Maine in 1830 to contract on building a canal from Sebago Lake to Portland; in blasting a ledge years afterward to improve the canal he was severely injured; recovered and employed by Portland to do some blasting; was cautioned by city officers not to use the heavy blasts he employed because he did great damage to adjacent buildings, but being a self-willed man, he paid no attention to their demands and used even heavier charges which wrecked several houses near by. He was afterwards engaged in widening the canal at Gambo; blasted a ledge which merely split it, and then applying a seam charge it exploded immediately, filled his eyes and face with pow-

der and otherwise seriously injured him, so that he was disabled henceforth for any laborious work. He then bought land near Naples, Me., and carried on a farm until three years before his death; then lived at Standish for about a year and then he moved to North Windham, where he remained until his death. He was six feet tall and very powerful and clever at any work he undertook. On a fifty-dollar bet he once chopped six cords and three feet of wood in nine hours and forty minutes, an astonishing feat!

About 1832 he m. Dorothy Green of Standish, Me., b. in Naples, Me., in 1813, and d. 1894; dau. of Wyer and Amy (Morton). Having been thrown from a carriage she was a cripple with a broken hip for over thirty years. Before his marriage her son Orin looked after and helped her, but her chief support came from her son Gerrit Smith, who lived with her until he was fourteen years old and gave all his wages to her until he was twenty years old, and in 1893 he and his brother, John P., built her an eight-room house. In her last illness Smith Chaffin cared for her night and day, never leaving her, and held her hand at last when she passed peacefully away. Children:

162 i. ORIN PENFIELD, b. July 4, 1836.

ii. SUSAN M., b. Apr. 3, 1838; d. Sept., 1905; m. 1859, William S. Nash, b. Apr. 8, 1837; d. Mar. 12, 1910, at Tampa, Fla. He was in the sewing machine business. Children: 1. *Warren J.*, b. in Mechanics Falls, Me., July 13, 1860; now (1912) in railway mail service and resides in Omaha, Neb.; m. Jan. 27, 1886, Jessie D. Barton, b. in Michigan, June 15, 1861, and had a dau., Maurine W., b. Jan. 3, 1887, m. F. T. De Arman of Ontario, Cal.; and a son, William Barton, b. Dec. 20, 1890. 2. *Blanch G.*, b. in N. Windham, Jan. 1, 1872; d. Apr., 1900; m. Dec. 20, 1899, T. W. Kendrick of Kins Mountain, N. C.

iii. ANNA M., b. Feb. 14, 1842, in Standish, Me.; d. May 7, 1884, in Portland, Me.; m. (published) May 18, 1859, George E. Ward, b. Dec. 10, 1841; son of Jacob and Susan (Baker), and "lost his life or was murdered in a fire in a one story building in Locorro, N. M., Apr. 6, 1886." Their only child was *Howard Lee*, b. Nov. 29, 1859, in Portland; m. Feb. 10, 1898,



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Mrs. Margaret Clarinda (Lowry) Whelan, b. in Millidgeville, Ill., Jan. 29, 1859.

iv. FRANCES E., b. 1845; d. 1892, or perhaps later at Friend, Neb.; m. abt. 1862 Hiram Walker; lived in Canada and the West.

163 v. ROBERT GRANVILLE, b. Apr. 8, 1847; d. July 14, 1881.

164 vi. JOHN P., b. July 25, 1848; d. Oct. 14, 1908, in Pasadena, Cal.

vii. GERRIT SMITH, b. Mar. 24, 1851. Still (1912) unm., or as he expresses it, "as single as a stray glove." He was once manager of the Antique Furniture Store, 280 Boylston St., Boston, then a traveling salesman for the Davis Sewing Machine Co., Dayton O., for seventeen years and managed their business in Boston, sending his mother at this time twenty dollars a month. He was a very active, capable business man, and a real gentleman, and was his mother's sole support in her declining years. He is now rather broken down from a long strain of overwork, but has been at the City Hospital, Boston, for treatment, and is assured by his surgeon that there is no reason in his condition why he may not live many years yet.

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THOMAS GILES (*Levi Hill 38*), b. Apr. 9, 1823, at Sandy Creek, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; d. Oct. 15, 1891, at Morrice, Shiawassee Co., Mich; moved with the rest of his grandfather's family in 1837 and located in or near Pontiac, Mich. Later he moved away out on the "Grand River Road," where his father lived until his death. He was generous to a fault and as industrious as generous, wearing himself out by hard work. He m. 1st, Nov. 20, 1853, at Middlebury, Mich, Eveline Grieves Sherman, b. Sept. 18, 1831, at Showangunk, Ulster Co., N. Y.; d. Feb. 8, 1879, at Fenwick, Mich. Thomas Giles was an energetic and successful farmer, a born mechanic and knew how to manage men. Children:

165 i. GEORGE HILL, b. Nov. 23, 1854.

ii. MARY LOUISE, b. Aug. 9, 1857, at Bennington; d. Aug. 29, 1881; unm.

iii. EVELYN PORTER, a son, b. Apr. 8, 1859, at Middlebury; d. Aug. 9, 1881, unm.

166 iv. **JEROME**, b. Apr. 19, 1862.  
 v. **FANNIE**, b. Oct. 8, 1866, in Middlebury; m. June 19, 1904, James Peter King; no children. Before marriage she was a very successful teacher in Detroit, where she now lives.  
 vi. **GRACE EVELINA**, b. Aug. 18, 1874, at Ovid; for fifteen years a primary school teacher in Detroit, the past eight years in the Palmer School, and very successful.

Thomas Giles m. 2d, Apr. 25, 1881, at Bennington, Mich., Cornelia Bartholf, b. Apr. 11, 1834, in New York State; d. Feb. 4, 1908, at Morrice, Mich. This family are all Methodists except George, who is a Congregationalist.

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**ROSCOE R.** (*Levi Hill 38*), b. Nov. 23, 1856, in Bennington, Shiawassee Co., Mich. After graduating from high school, on account of his parents declining years, he returned home and cultivated his father's land. On Oct. 31, 1877, he m. Mary D. Gillett, b. Aug. 13, 1857; dau. of Albert and Laura. Mary Gillett, after high school and a course in the normal school, followed teaching for awhile in the county schools. Children:

i. **ELIZABETH**, b. Oct. 26, 1879. She attended Albion College and held a life certificate from it and was a teacher of science and mathematics at the time of her death, which occurred Feb. 22, 1906.  
 167 ii. **ROY LEVI**, b. Apr. 20, 1881.  
 iii. **GLEN**, b. Dec. 23, 1883, also an Albion College student; d. Sept. 14, 1906.  
 iv. **ALTHA MAY**, b. Oct. 16, 1885; attended Albion College; d. Jan. 31, 1908.  
 v. **BELLE OLIVE**, b. Sept. 24, 1889; attended Mt. Pleasant Normal School.  
 vi. **MYRTLE A.**, b. July 15, 1891; attended the Normal School, and all of the six children already named have made a success in teaching.  
 vii. **THEODORE**, b. Oct. 15, 1892; graduated from high school in June, 1911, and is about to enter college in Spokane, Wash., for the study of mining engineering.  
 viii. **EDYTHE H.**, b. Sept. 14, 1895.



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Roscoe R. and Mrs. Chaffin set a commendable example in the excellent education they have given their children, who have evidently made profitable use of the opportunities offered them.

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GLADWIN BOONE (*Gladwin* 39), b. in Hancock Co., O., May 22, 1839; lived early in Van Wert, O.; in Aug., 1861, volunteered for service in the Civil War; assigned to the 15th Regt. of O. V. I. in Co. H, of which by a unanimous vote he was elected second lieutenant; went into camp in Kentucky, where he took a severe cold that settled into chronic diarrhoea; sickness increased and he was emaciated to a mere skeleton, and it was thought he would never see home again; forced to resign, hoping to recuperate and enlist again, but having a severe rupture was never able to do so. Later, however, he was appointed Lieut.-Col. of the First Regt., O. M. in Hancock Co., by Gov. David Todd, for a term of five years, but his poor health prevented his accepting the position. On Nov. 29, 1875, he went to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he has owned four farms and is doing well financially. He is a member of the Joe Hooker, G. A. R., Post No. 17.

On Dec. 10, 1891, he m. Caroline Myers of Bucyrus, Kan., b. Jan. 20, 1855, in Wayne Co., O., dau. of Samuel and Sophia (Reiser) of Switzerland and Germany. Children, b. in Hutchinson:

- i. GLADWIN P., b. June 6, 1893.
- ii. LURISSA MYERS, b. Feb. 18, 1896; both in high school (1912).

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ROBERT ROSS (*Simon* 40), b. Jan. 18, 1837, in East Union, O.; d. Sept. 17, 1900. Robert R. was a carpenter. In 1889 he moved to Dalton, O., where he and his son engaged in the grocery and bakery business. He died of heart disease and since his death his business has been conducted by his widow and son-in-law, Wm. P. Slusser. Robert R. was a member of the 169th Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was a soldier in the Civil War, doing guard duty at Washington, D. C. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. His

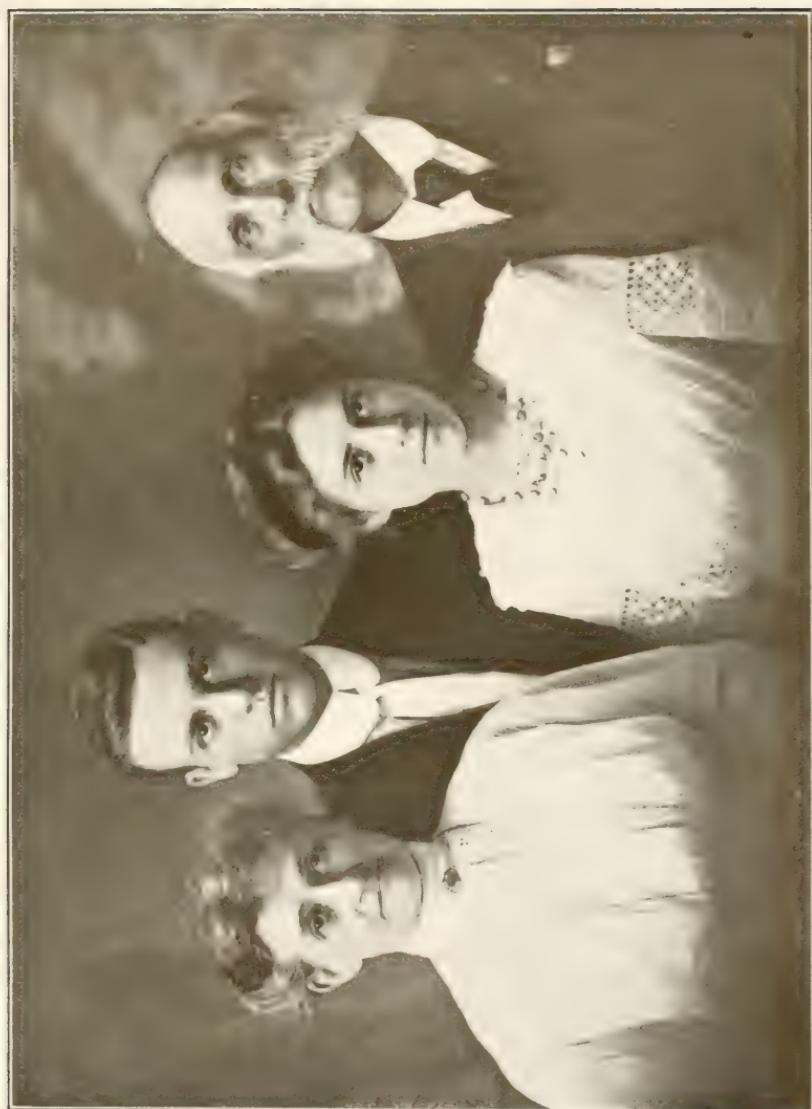
widow draws an army pension. He m. Dec. 25, 1862, Dorothea Gilmore, b. Apr. 25, 1845; dau. of Thomas and Dorothea. Children:

- i. CIVILLA ANN, b. Nov. 26, 1863; d. Dec. 1, 1873.
- ii. SARAH ELLEN, b. Apr. 5, 1866; m. Jan. 31, 1894, John W. Osgood, b. Apr. 23, 1862, and have one child, *Ethel Marie*, b. Oct. 10, 1897.
- 168 iii. JOHN WALTER, b. Feb. 10, 1872.
- iv. ALPHA RETTA, b. Feb. 27, 1875; d. Apr. 5, 1876.
- v. LAURA BELLE, b. July 8, 1881; m. Oct. 30, 1900, Wm. P. Slusser, b. Apr. 30, 1877. One child, *Kate Leone*, b. Jan. 29, 1909.

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NORMAN (*Simon* 40), b. Mar. 5, 1839. At the age of 17 he went to work for William Spear, Wooster, O., where during 1856-57 he learned cabinet making. This work not proving very remunerative he returned to the farm. On Sept. 14, 1861, he enlisted at Wooster in Company C, 41st Ohio Infantry. This regiment went to Gallipolis and Louisville, and arrived at Pittsburg Landing on Apr. 6, 1862. On the morning of the 7th they engaged in battle, the last eight miles of the march having been covered in two and one-half hours. John R. Weaver, a chum of Norman's, fell soon after the fighting began, and Joseph Carlin was wounded. The 41st Ohio and 9th Indiana regiments by some error were ordered to charge a rebel battery. They captured it, but, being unable to hold it and having nothing with which to spike the guns, they rammed them full of mud, and then fell back, but only a small part of the regiment again reached the Union lines. All the officers being wounded the orderly sergeant brought the regiment out of the engagement. Norman was wounded three times but not disabled.

After about one month's delay they moved forward to Murfreesboro and then engaged in the battle of Stone River. The regiment then marched forward to the last line of works in front of Atlanta. Norman was near Gen. McPherson of Clyde, O., when he was killed, July 23, 1864. He was himself wounded by a shell from Atlanta on July 25, 1864, and so disabled that he had to go to the hos-



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pital, the first time he had been away from his regiment. The remainder of his service was spent in hospitals at Resaca, Nashville, Louisville and Jeffersonville, and he was discharged from the service Oct. 4, 1864, at Columbus, O. He now draws a pension. Early in 1865 he resumed work at his trade in Orrville. In 1866 he and Hiram Chaffin bought out the furniture and undertaking business of Mortimer Munn, for whom he had worked the year before. In 1873 he sold his share and bought a farm about nine miles northwest of Orrville, where he resided until Apr., 1910, when he retired and took up his residence in Orrville, where he has since made his home.

On Nov. 29, 1866, he m. Catherine Anna Erwin, b. July 8, 1848; dau. of Cunningham and Mary Anna of Dalton, O. Children:

169 i. IRA ERWIN, b. Aug. 18, 1868.  
170 ii. EMMET ERNEST, b. Jan. 23, 1875.  
171 iii. CARL SHURZ, b. Jan. 30, 1883.  
iv. HARRY HARRISON, b. Feb. 14, 1888. He has passed his examination for railway mail clerk and early in 1911 was employed for a while weighing mail between Pittsburgh and Cleveland. He is now in the employ of the Cyclone Drill Machinery Co., Orrville, O.

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WILLIAM HENRY (*Simon* 40), b. Mar. 7, 1841. Although a carpenter by trade he has spent a large part of his life upon a farm. He has spent his entire life in Wayne Co., O. For a number of years he lived on the old Chaffin farm near East Union, but 1894, moved to McQuaid, O. He enlisted in 1863 in the 169th Ohio V. I., but was disabled by sickness and resigned. In 1906 he took up his residence in Orrville, where he still (1912) lives. On Sept. 20, 1863, he m. Lovina Hawk, b. June 26, 1843; dau. of Michael and Sarah. Children:

172 i. WILLIAM ALVA, b. Oct. 20, 1865.  
ii. CORA MAY, b. Dec. 11, 1867; m. July 4, 1901, James Madison Jones of Orrville, b. July 20, 1867; a farmer, once interested in a threshing and sawmill outfit, but has disposed of that interest and now resides on a

farm near Orrville. One child: *William Nelson*, b. June 1, 1903.

- iii. **EMMA BELLE**, b. Apr. 9, 1869; d. Dec. 26, 1873.
- iv. **SARAH**, b. Nov. 19, 1874; m. Dec. 24, 1895, John Donley of East Union, son of John and Anna. He is a farmer and except one year in Orrville, they have spent all their time in the country, and now live on a farm a few miles west of Orrville. Their children: 1. *Cora Fern*, b. Mar. 12, 1900. 2. *Blair C.*, b. Oct. 4, 1903.

**173 v. SIMON NELSON**, b. Mar. 17, 1878.

- vi. **SEVILLA**, b. Oct. 22, 1879; m. Dec. 25, 1899, Otto J. Barleyoung of Canton, O. He was a bookkeeper and general office man employed by the W. & L. E. R. R. Co. in Canton, where they resided. She secured a divorce from him Mar. 31, 1909, and has since resided with her parents, and is now employed as dressmaker by the Perilstein Dry Goods Co., Orrville, O.

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**HIRAM W.** (*Simon* 40), b. Apr. 15, 1843, at East Union Township, Wayne Co., O.; from earliest years strong and athletic, a champion wrestler in his time whom few wished to tackle, and with a record for long jumping. His school education was limited to what he received in the little district school-house, which still stands, but it made him an accurate speller, a good mathematician and penman. In common with his brothers he inherited a rare mechanical talent which has served him well all through a busy life, and enabled him to make several inventions which he never patented but which are now in general use. He started out early for himself, earning but fifty cents a day harvesting, splitting rails, or assisting in framing the heavy frame barns of those days. But before 22 years of age he had learned the cabinet maker's trade from the smoothing plane to the finest hand made dovetailing and veneering.

Before this, however, on July 29, 1863, he enlisted as a private in Capt. Hugh's Company D, 52d Regt. of Ohio National Guards. It was the home militia organized to train and equip men for the U. S. service. On May 2, 1864, under the call for one hundred thousand men for one hundred day's service, he was mustered in



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CARL SHURZ

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and sent to Washington, D. C., where in Co. C, 169th Regt. of Ohio National Guard Infantry, he did guard duty at Fort Ethan Allen on the banks of the Potomac; and was honorably discharged at the expiration of service, on Sept. 4, 1864, and draws a pension.

Returning home he entered into partnership with his brother Norman in cabinet making in Orrville, O., and installed the first improved steam engine in that place, which, by the way, is the sole source of power for the pipe organ factory in that little city today. Soon they added the undertaking business. But while, about 1871, a new three-story brick building was being erected, a fire destroyed nearly their whole stock, which had been moved to rented rooms. But nothing daunted a new partnership was formed, Norman preferring to move to the farm, Simon Brennerman being the new partner, an excellent business man, and soon afterwards A. J. Shontz joined the firm and they organized a new organ company, manufacturing the Ohio Beauty parlor and church organs. Mr. Shontz soon retiring from the company, H. W. Chaffin with three others continued the business until the great organ corporations of Chicago and New Jersey got well under way, filling the country with cheap organs, when he gradually closed out the business with profit. He had worked in the shop himself, continually improving the mechanism and action of the organs, and now his invention of the lever movement for raising the mute valves is in general use.

In 1879, having sold the furniture and undertaking business, he moved his family to a farm near Virden, Ill. This new venture proved a success to which the two older boys and his daughter contributed. But in 1890, these three having gone out into the world for themselves, the old farm homestead was rented, and with Leander Ames, a nephew of his wife, Mr. Chaffin engaged in milling and grain business in Caldwell, Kan., whither the remainder of the family removed later in the year. In partnership with Mr. Ames, and known as The Calwell Milling Co., they are operating one of the most successful mills in southern Kansas. Mr. Chaffin helped plan and build from the foundation this, the first flouring mill in that part of the country. He also assisted with much hard labor

and financial aid in the building of the new Presbyterian church in his home town.

He was m. Sept. 28, 1865, to Lear Weaver, dau. of Joseph and Magdalene (Webber) of Switzerland, b. Jan. 20, 1847, and grew to girlhood near East Union Township, Wayne Co., O. She proved a most congenial wife and devoted mother, laboring constantly body and soul for the success and honor of her family and home. Of this union five children were b., four at Orrville, O., and one (Viola) in Macoupin Co., Ill.:

174 i. WELLMAN F., b. Aug. 14, 1866.

175 ii. HARVEY H., b. Mar. 2, 1869.

iii. MERTIE B., b. June 18, 1871; m. Mar. 5, 1890, Jesse E. Wallace, b. Jan. 11, 1867, a farmer of Macoupin Co., Ill., where four children were born to them. She d. suddenly Sept. 14, 1898. Children: 1. *Harrie*, b. Dec. 22, 1890; m. Aug. 23, 1911, Nora P. Edwards, b. Feb. 14, 1892. 2. *Eva F.*, b. Apr. 24, 1892; m. Aug. 2, 1911, Loyd M. Hays, a neighboring farmer, b. Mar. 10, 1891, at Girard, Ill. 3. *Fern*, b. June 25, 1897. 4. *Ruth Chaffin*, b. Sept. 13, 1898, a few hours before her mother's death. She is now being cared for at her grandfather Chaffin's home.

176 iv. MERWIN, b. Nov. 14, 1877.

v. VIOLA MAE, b. July 31, 1880, in Macoupin Co., Ill.; m. June 5, 1891, at Caldwell, Kan. Robert Davis, b. Mar. 28, 1877, in Salem, Neb. He holds a division office in the railway mail service and lives in Caldwell.

Mrs. Hiram Chaffin, the mother, d. Jan. 22, 1883, and was buried at Girard, Ill. Through her married life she had been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Nearly two years after his first wife's death, Mr. Chaffin m., Nov. 5, 1884, Mrs. Belle Buckwalter of Orrville, b. Mar. 5, 1856, in Elkhart, Ind.; dau. of John and Sarah (Walters), Rodebaugh. Of this union one child was b., viz.

vi. BERTIE, b. Jan. 18, 1887; an exceptionally promising boy, who showed beautiful qualities of mind and an attractive personal appearance, but to the great grief of parents and friends he became a victim of diphtheria, and d. Nov. 6, 1891.



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Those who have known Hiram W. Chaffin say he has been the hardest working man they ever knew, and it is to this that his great ambition largely owes its successful reward. It has been said that he could make anything that could be made from wood or iron. Although nearly 70 years old, he remains hale and hearty; the scars of an active life are not wholly wanting, but he still conducts his successful business himself.

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SIMON (*Simon* 40), b. Sept. 11, 1845, in East Union, O. He left Ohio in 1869, going to Red Oak, Ia., where he worked as a carpenter. Beginning in 1870 he was employed five and a half years by the Whitney and Holmes Organ Co., Quincy, Ill. From 1876 until May, 1884, he was in the undertaking business in Sedalia, Mo. May 24, 1884, he arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., where he now resides. After his arrival in Los Angeles he helped build the Capital (flour) Mills, remaining with that company four years. He then worked eighteen years as pattern maker for the Fulton Engine Works, and later, following the same business, worked two years with the Advance Machine Co., after which he retired. During his residence at Los Angeles he was for six years a member of the Salvation Army.

On Aug. 11, 1872, he m. Gertrude Story, dau. of Caleb and Mary (Cady). She was b. Dec. 24, 1850. Children:

- i. UTIE M., b. July 6, 1873, in Quincy, Ill.; d. Feb. 26, 1908; m. July 6, 1892, Sampson Edwards, and they had 1. *Verne*, b. Jan. 4, 1895. 2. *Norval*, b. Apr. 21, 1899. 3. *Elmo*, b. May 5, 1903.
- ii. CLARA B., b. Mar. 25, 1875; m. Apr. 20, 1894, Fred Hull and they had 1. *Verle*, b. May 8, 1896. 2. *Feyne*, b. Mar. 18, 1900. 3. *Vynn*, b. Oct. 2, 1901.

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ALBERT (*Simon* 40), b. Feb. 24, 1851; d. Oct. 14, 1910. On account of being the *seventh* son he was named "Doctor" Albert. He has seldom used the name Doctor, and latterly has signed his name D. A. He followed the carpenter's trade a short time but

most of his early life was spent on a farm. Feb. 8, 1874, he m. Sarah Elizabeth Orr of Applecreek, O., b. Feb. 26, 1854, dau. of Samuel and Eleanor. In 1876 they moved to Virden, Ill., running a farm for awhile that belonged to his brother Hiram, and they then purchased a farm of their own. They owned several different farms in Illinois, but in 1882 moved to Raymore, Mo., where on Feb. 5, 1891, Mrs. Chaffin died. He then in 1892 returned to Wayne Co., O., having lived about ten years on a farm half a mile south of Raymore.

Early in 1893 he m. again and went west, taking a farm about five miles west of Humansville, Mo.; but in four years he returned to Ohio, purchasing the old home farm near what was formerly known as "Cross-Keys," but now East Union. This farm he sold later and purchased others near Orrville. In 1910 he sold his farm and bought property in Orrville in order to retire because of failing health. But he had worked too long and too hard and on Oct. 14, 1910, he died. His remains lie at rest in the Crown Hill cemetery at Orrville, while those of his wife and daughter Lula Belle are in the cemetery at Raymore, Mo. His first son's remains are in the Honeytown, O., cemetery. Children:

- i. HOWARD SCOTT, b. Apr. 12, d. Aug. 19, 1875.
- 177 ii. WILLARD SIMON, b. Aug. 22, 1877.
- iii. ETTA MAE, b. Oct. 10, 1886, near Raymore, Mo. She remained at home until Sept., 1901, and then lived with her aunt, Alice Beelman, attending high school and graduating in 1906. For a year then she was bookkeeper and stenographer for the Brown Merchandise Co. of Mansfield, O. She then spent two and a half years in the Wooster, O., University, since when she has been employed as stenographer by the Diamond Rubber Co. of Akron, O., but going in 1910 to their Chicago office. On June 1, 1912, she m. Ray W. Smith, traveling salesman for the B. F. Goodrich Co., residence Milwaukee.
- iv. LULA BELLE, b. Mar. 24, 1889; d. Sept. 26, 1889.
- v. IRA WELLMAN, b. June 11, 1890, near Raymore, Mo.; attended district schools, working on farms in the summer. During the winter of 1909-10 he was employed in the Adams Express office at Orrville, O., and later worked in the machine shop of the Cyclone Drill



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Co. In Oct., 1910, he entered the East Chicago, Ind., mills of the Republic Iron and Steel Co. as assistant roll-turner, and he now works in the same capacity in the U. S. Steel Corporation at Gary, Ind.

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**ELMER ELLSWORTH** (*Simon* 40), b. June 9, 1861, a farmer. After marrying he lived on a farm near Orrville, O., where his first two children were born. In Mar., 1885, he moved to Peabody, Kan., where not long afterwards his first wife died. He then returned to Ohio for a year, after which he moved to Virden, Ill., where in 1888 he m. a second time. Then he moved to Cameron, Mo., and for two years worked at the carpenter's trade. He then moved to Cedar Co., Mo., and lived four years there, moving afterwards to Lincoln Co., Okla. In 1892 he moved to Montrose, Mo., living there about three years, and then in 1905 he settled in Lamar, Mo., and now resides there.

He m. 1st, Sept. 1, 1881, Alice E. Firestone, dau. of George Firestone, b. Dec. 24, 1859; d. Apr. 15, 1887. Children:

178 i. SCOTT, E., b. June 15, 1882.

ii. CLARENCE WARD, b. Jan. 1, 1884. His early days were spent in working on a farm. He left home in 1903 at the age of 19 years and engaged in farm work near Montrose, Mo., until September. But he had become eager for an education, hitherto denied him. Obliged to earn his way he went to work in a hardware store, working out of school hours and on Saturdays and through vacations. He did this for four years, graduating Apr. 20, 1907. In September he went to Kansas City, Mo., and became an office clerk in the employ of the Emory Bird Thayer Co., where he still remains.

Elmer Ellsworth m. 2d, Nov. 13, 1888, Alice Hagler Goodson, b. Jan. 14, 1861. Children:

- iii. ETHEL CATHERINE, b. Mar. 17, 1890, in Cameron, Mo.; m. Nov., 1906, O. Nelson Williams, and lives in Chanute, Kan.; had *Cecil*, b. Apr. 18, 1908.
- iv. EARL SIMON, b. Mar. 17, 1892, in Humansville, Cedar Co., Mo.

- v. **GOLDIA MAE**, b. Mar. 12, 1895, in Humansville, Cedar Co., Mo.
- vi. **eva MAUD**, b. Mar. 12, 1897, in Oklahoma.
- vii. **ELMER ELLSWORTH**, b. Oct. 25, 1899, in Lamar, Mo.

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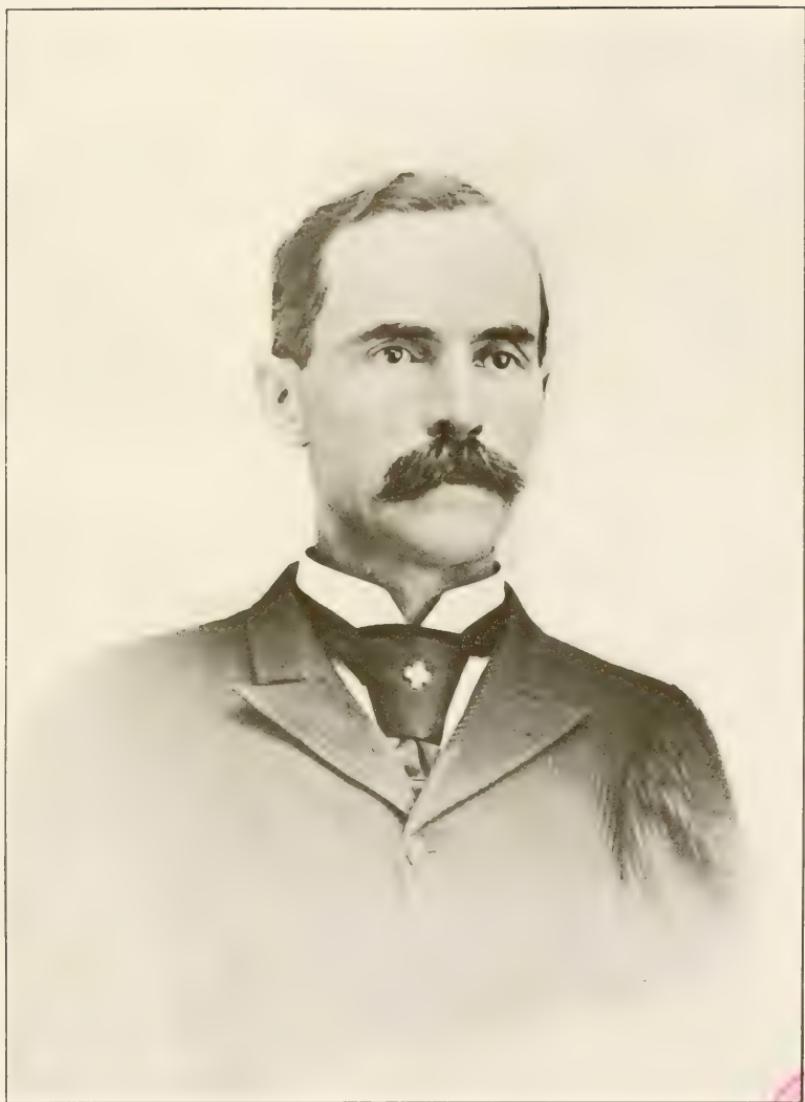
**GEORGE W.** (*Daniel 41*), b. May 5, 1824, in Adams, N. Y.; d. Mar. 12, 1910. In 1860 George W. traded his farm in Adams for 400 acres of prairie land near Fayette, Ia., and built a house and barn. In 1899 he built a nice house. As his children became of age they went to Nebraska. In 1883 he and his wife were divorced and she and the children went to Kearney, Neb. Later Mrs. Chaffin, with Edgar, went to Idaho. She was Amanda Robinson Greene, b. Apr. 6, 1828; d. July 23, 1910; dau. of Thomas R. of Watertown, N. Y. Children:

- 179 i. **FRANK L.**, b. Aug. 23, 1854, in Adams, N. Y.
- ii. **CHARLES D.**, b. Feb. 20, 1860, in Adams, N. Y.; d. May 4, 1886, in Nebraska.
- iii. **LUCY N.**, b. Mar. 9, 1863, in Fayette, Ia.; m. Nov. 7, 1891, John H. Johnson, b. Feb. 1, 1863, in Sweden, and lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Spokane, Wash. Children: 1. *Edgar J.*, b. Aug. 3, 1892. 2. *Arthur L.*, b. Oct. 2, 1894. 3. *Charles Lionel*, b. Feb. 16, 1896. 4. *Kenneth Whitford*, b. Sept. 10, 1899.
- iv. **EDGAR T. R.**, b. May 25, 1864, in Fayette; d. Feb. 24, 1895, in Nebraska.

George W. m. 2d, Apr. 7, 1887, Mrs. Biancy Turner, b. Jan. 10, 1826.

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**AMOS SMITH** (*Daniel 41*), b. Oct. 15, 1825, in Lorraine, N. Y.; d. Sept. 24, 1901. He lived first in Lorraine, but afterwards in Adams and chiefly in Rodman, N. Y., an industrious, hard working, honest man. He was a farmer. He and his wife were active workers in the Methodist Protestant Church; they were liberal givers and he was very fond of giving Bibles away, and gave away many. They were very popular and always spoken of as "Uncle Smith" and "Aunt Ann," both being called by their middle names. He m. Mar. 24, 1850, Margaret Ann Trowbridge,



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b. July 20, 1827; d. Dec. 22, 1894; dau. of John and Waitie (Green). Children:

180 i. DANIEL TROWBRIDGE, b. Oct. 16, 1852.  
 181 ii. FRANK A., b. Mar. 11, 1855.  
 iii. ALICE M., b. Feb. 11, 1858; m. Apr. 10, 1877, Rev. O. M. Richardson, b. Dec. 4, 1853; son of Rev. Ezra Davis. They have one son, *Earl Smith*, b. Jan. 7, 1880; m. 1st, Aug. 13, 1902, Bertha I. Tanzer, d. Sept. 30, 1904; dau. of Charles and Cora. He m. 2d, Mae E. Collins, Feb. 23, 1909; dau. of Charles and Laura of Clayton, N. Y. No children.  
 iv. EMMA C., b. Sept. 5, 1863; d. Aug. 26, 1876.

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GILBERT F. (*Daniel* 41), b. in Lorraine, N. Y., Mar. 22, 1836. He lived for awhile in Lorraine and also in Ellisburg, N. Y. He later traveled westward as so many enterprising Chaffins did and he settled as a farmer in Vestaburg, Mich. He m. 1st, Cordelia S. Root, dau. of Truman and Eunice (Witter). They had no children, but adopted William Underwood who lives in Adams, N. Y. Gilbert m. 2d, Nov., 1862, Mary Jane Root, a sister of his first wife, b. June 3, 1842; d. May 2, 1912. Children:

182 i. ORA GILBERT, b. Feb. 11, 1864.  
 ii. MARTHA SOPHIA, b. Feb. 1, 1866; m. Nov. 3, 1886, Marcus Lafayette Steele, b. Nov. 20, 1862; a contractor and builder. They reside in Watertown, N. Y.  
 183 iii. GEORGE MONROE, b. Mar. 29, 1868.  
 iv. EVA MAY, b. Apr. 26, 1870, and d. in Aug., 4 mos. old.  
 184 v. HARVEY FREEMAN, b. Nov. 25, 1872.

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WILLIAM (*Peter* 43), b. Apr. 2, 1830; d. Aug. 31, 1897, at Villanova, N. Y. After 1865 he was a farmer. He m. 1st, Mary L. Mosher, who d. in 1871. Children:

185 i. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, b. May 24, 1859; d. Aug. 17, 1907, at Cherry Creek, N. Y.

ii. MARY E., b. Jan. 12, 1863; d. 1897; m. Arthur Pierce and had four children. Since his 1st wife's death he has m. twice.

186 iii. EDWIN E., b. Jan. 2, 1868.

William m. 2d, Mary Elizabeth Coon. Children:

iv. DANIEL, b. Apr. 8, 1872, is a carpenter at Fredonia, N. Y.; m. 1905, Isabella Ayers, b. May 7, 1879. No children.

v. JULIA, b. Sept. 21, 1875; m. 1894, Byron Dorman and lives in Summerdale, N. Y. Children: 1. *Herbert E.*, b. Aug. 18, 1896. 2. *Ruth E.*, b. Jan. 26, 1898. 3. *Ralph J.*, b. Apr. 18, 1900. 4. *Maurice C.*, b. Apr. 26, 1902. 5. *Charles W.*, b. Mar. 30, 1904. 6. *Ines H.*, b. Dec. 27, 1906. 7. *Frank H.*, b. Feb. 11, 1908. 8. *Albert E.*, b. Mar., 1909. 9. *Glen E.*, b. Dec. 12, 1910.

vi. LEWIS, b. Oct. 8, 1878; m. Annie Brandt. Lives in S. Dayton, N. Y.

vii. ERNEST, b. Sept. 2, 1881; lives at Gowanda, N. Y.

viii. CLAUDE D., b. Jan. 13, 1886; lives at Sherman, N. Y.

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DANIEL (*Peter 43*), b. Jan. 6, 1834; was a farmer, living when his children were born, in Ionia Co., Mich., and he lived in other places. He enlisted in Co. C in the 8th Regt. of Michigan Vols. The date of his death is unknown. He was last seen at his brother Lorenzo's in Monticello, Minn., and is said to have been a wanderer for forty-one years. He m. Mar. 17, 1855, Ruth A. Mosher, who was b. Apr. 26, 1839. Children:

i. MARY ELSIE, b. May 29, 1856; m. Sept. 26, 1877, George H. Herald. Their children: 1. *George E.*, b. Aug. 29, 1878. 2. *Maud L.*, b. June 22, 1882. 3. *Mabel*, b. June 22, 1888; d. May 9, 1889. They live in Petoskey, Mich.

ii. HENRY V., b. Apr. 26, 1858; d. July 17, 1859.

iii. IDA M., b. Nov. 19, 1861; m. Apr. 2, 1881, Willis A. Townsend, b. June 12, 1854. Their children: 1. *Albert E.*, b. Oct. 23, 1882. 2. *Leonard*, b. Nov. 20, 1884, and d. Nov. 23, 1884. 3. *James H.*, b. Nov. 29, 1885. 4. *Ford J.*, b. Aug. 1, 1890. 5. *Ruth*, b.

and d. June 18, 1896. 6. *Charles W.*, b. May 24, 1892, and d. Nov. 9, 1902. They live in Temple, Mich.

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**LEWIS LORENZO** (*Peter 43*), b. Jan. 22, 1837; d. Apr. 15, 1898, in Monticello, Minn. In 1856 he preempted sixty acres of land in Monticello township. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. E, 8th Minn. Vols. and served three years. Returning to Monticello he opened a blacksmith shop. He was an upright man and an earnest Christian, interested in the Adventist Church and later in the Salvation Army. A visitor of the family reports that he conducted family worship, one of the daughters reading a chapter in the Bible and he would make "a beautiful, sacred and holy prayer." He was quite an inventive genius, inventing a sled with some new kind of runners, and also a potato digger. He left Monticello for Northern Michigan and was gone five years, but returned in 1875.

In 1867 he m. Mrs. Frances (Gaskell) Wyman, widow of George, b. Apr. 26, 1845; d. Oct. 18, 1897. Husband and wife and three children buried in Monticello. Children:

- i. **LEWIS ETNA**, b. 1867; d. Dec. 16, 1881.
- ii. **FRANCES ELSIE**, b. Dec. 28, 1873; d. Nov. 25, 1881.
- iii. **EDITH EARLE**, b. Oct. 1, 1874; m. Jan. 1, 1896, Dean Dudley, and had *Helen*, b. 1900. They live in Cozad, Neb.
- iv. **EV A BLANCHE**, b. Feb. 17, 1877; m. Sept. 18, 1902, Samuel Tilden Curtis, b. May 7, 1877; d. Jan. 29, 1903, and had *Gaylord Carlyle*, b. July 25, 1903. Eva m. 2d, Todd A. Duran, b. Dec. 5, 1887.
- v. **BABY**, b. Nov. 2, 1885; d. Feb. 2, 1886.

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**VOLNEY W.** (*Hiram 44*), b. Apr. 12, 1836, in Lorraine, N. Y.; d. May 9, 1895, a farmer who lived in Lorraine and d. there. On Mar. 12, 1856, he m. Adelia Lewis, b. June 21, 1840; d. Nov. 9, 1910, dau. of Thomas and Diantha. Children, b. in Lorraine:

187 i. NELLIE E., b. Dec. 26, 1857; d. Dec. 21, 1884.  
 ii. HOMER V., b. Sept. 8, 1861; d. Jan. 19, 1888.  
 iii. FANNIE A., b. May 6, 1866; d. Apr. 13, 1885.  
 iv. FRED B., b. Sept. 29, 1873; m. May 11, 1904, Wylie E. Fairman, b. Oct. 26, 1878; dau. of Harvey and Nellie. No children.

Fred B. resides in Athens, N. Y., and is a clerk in a clothing store.

After the death of Volney, his widow, Adelia, m. in 1899, Asa Lyons. He d. in 1905.

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EDWIN H. (*Hiram* 44), b. Oct. 17, 1843, at Lorraine, N. Y. Is a Civil War veteran, having enlisted in the winter of 1863-64 in the 1st Michigan Cavalry and served about one year and five months; was detailed into the 6th N. Y. Light Artillery in the fall of 1864; was in the Shenandoah campaign when Gen. Jubal Early had our troops on the run, and he saw Sheridan on his black horse rally our men and capture 3000 Confederates, their officers and light artillery. He is a farmer and salesman, and resides in Adams, N. Y. Edwin m. 1st, Sept. 10, 1863, Welling W. Budlong, dau. of Caleb and Betsy. Child:

i. RICHARD S., b. Oct. 29, 1864; was adopted by his mother's father and takes the name Richard S. Budlong.

Edwin m. 2d, Feb. 28, 1877, Abbie J. Belcher, b. June 7, 1851; dau. of Justus and Cynthia (Leonard). Children:

ii. EMMA MAUD, b. Aug. 16, 1878; m. Feb. 14, 1900, W. E. Dobbin, b. Aug. 6, 1875. Children: 1. *Bertha Irene*, b. May 2, 1901. 2. *Bernice Alberta*, b. Apr. 6, 1905. 3. *Blanche Marie*, b. Jan. 7, 1909.  
 iii. CORA BELLE, b. Oct. 10, 1881; m. Dec. 10, 1899, Bert Dobbin, b. June 10, 1873.

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WILLIAM LADD (*William Farwell* 45), b. Aug. 16, 1837, in Oxford, Me. His father dying the next year and his mother being a confirmed invalid, he was, at his father's dying request, adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Chaffin Fessenden of Concord, N. H. His



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name was not, however, changed. In 1857 he entered the Unitarian Theo. School, at Meadville, Pa., graduating in 1861. In Sept., 1862, he settled as minister of the Second Unitarian Society of Philadelphia, Pa. In July, 1863, while visiting at his wife's former home at Meadville, he enlisted as private in the 58th Regt., Pa. Vols., serving for six weeks in the campaign that ended in the capture of John Morgan in his daring cavalry raid in Ohio. He left Philadelphia in the fall of 1865 and received a call to settle at Fitchburg, Mass. His settlement there was prevented by a severe heart strain caused by heavy lifting, which disabled him for two years. On the first Sunday of 1868, he became the minister of the Unitarian Church of North Easton, Mass., and is still there, now the senior pastor, the junior pastor being Rev. Abram Wyman. Mr. Chaffin is the longest settled Unitarian minister in America, still in active service over the same church, this year (1912) being the forty-fifth of his settlement there. He was a member of the school committee of Easton for twenty-eight years, secretary of the trustees of the Ames Free Library, a member for many years of the board of trustees of the Meadville Theo. School, and of the Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian denomination, chaplain and past commander of the A. B. Randall Post 52, G. A. R. of Easton. In 1886 he published an elaborate "History of the Town of Easton, Mass.," 838 pages, on which he had worked hard for years, and in 1909 he published the "History of Robert Randall and his Descendants," and has lately worked on this Chaffin history, sparing neither expense nor labor in the endeavor to compile as accurate and thorough a family history as his large experience in such work makes possible. He is an expert chess-player and in his younger days could play four blind-fold games simultaneously.

The beautiful stone church whose picture is herewith presented and in which he has preached for many years was a gift to the society by the Hon. Oliver Ames, who died in 1877. It contains, besides an elaborately carved pulpit and screen, a memorial to Hon. Frederick L. Ames, and two of the finest memorial windows in the country, the work of the distinguished artist, the late John La Farge.

On Aug. 12, 1862, at Meadville, Pa., he m. Rebecca Huidekoper Bagley, dau. of Michael Hodge and Margaret Lydia (Hazlett) b. at Meadville, Jan. 5, 1840, the service being conducted by Rev. Prof. Frederic Huidekoper, a relative of the bride. On Aug. 12 of this year (1912) Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin celebrated their golden wedding and were given a cordial reception by members of his parish and other friends. They have one child, by adoption, ANNIE R., b. July 15, 1863; m. June 26, 1894, Bertram D. Corliss, b. June 6, 1869; son of Daniel and Lydia M. (Whittier). They have one child, *Elsie Chaffin*, b. June 25, 1897.

A choice bit of humor regarding Mr. Chaffin deserves telling. He once fell into the thirty-foot wide and deep well from which water is pumped into the stand pipe that supplies the village of North Easton. When a witty Irish friend of his heard about it he exclaimed, "Well, begorra! we won't have to send to the Pope of Rome any more for holy wather, *for now we have it on tap!*" This, from a good Catholic to a Protestant minister, Mr. Chaffin regards as the best compliment he ever received.

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JOSEPH FARNSWORTH (*Joseph 47*), b. Mar. 27, 1839, in Oxford, Me.; d. Mar. 27, 1911, in Fitchburg, Mass., on the 72d anniversary of his birth. About 1848 his father moved to Northboro, Mass. At the age of 17 years he went to Concord, N. H., where he was for a time a clerk in a drug store, and later he held a similar position in Hartford, Conn. In 1859, he was employed in the Arlington piano shops in Leominster, Mass., and after obtaining a practical knowledge of the business he went upon the road as a piano tuner and salesman. Except the time spent in service in the Civil War, his whole life has been devoted to music. He had a fine tenor voice, sang in church and concert, taught singing schools, conducted choruses, cantatas and oratorios. In 1877 he opened a music and piano store in Fitchburg, Mass., and did a successful business until his death.

"At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the band of the 23d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, which was recruited from among the musicians of this locality, and was under the



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leadership of H. C. Brown. A year later, in accordance with orders passed by the war department, his band, with many others in the service, was abolished, and he was attached to the quartermaster's department of the 3d army corps, in which he held various positions. Among these was that of forage master for several months at the headquarters of General Sickles.

"In November, 1863, he reenlisted under the famous bandmaster, Patrick S. Gilmore, in the band attached to the Department of the Gulf, in which he served to the close of the war, completing a period of nearly four years of active service.

"Mr. Chaffin was a member of E. V. Sumner Post 19, G. A. R., and was prominent in the ranks of Odd Fellowship, being a member of Apollo lodge, No. 205, of Canton Hebron, No. 11, of King David Encampment, No. 42, and of E. Victoria Morse lodge, Daughters of Rebekah. He was also a member of the Fitchburg Board of Trade and Merchants' Association, and was invariably interested in all movements and questions involving the civic advancement and welfare of Fitchburg and its people."

He was an attendant at the Universalist Church in which he was much interested and of which he was a generous supporter and to which by his will he left a bequest.

On Sept. 4, 1859, Mr. Chaffin m. at Westboro, Mass., Frances Ann Fleming, b. Dec. 25, 1835, in Milford, Mass., dau. of William and Louisa (Howe). She d. in Fitchburg, Aug. 22, 1902. Children:

- i. KATE, b. Apr. 14, 1860, in Leominster. She was an accomplished and successful music teacher for many years. Her death occurred in Fitchburg, May 20, 1909.
- ii. GERTRUDE FLEMING, b. Oct. 18, 1863, in Wendell, Mass.; m. May 15, 1883, Fred Sibley Huntley, b. Aug. 25, 1863, in Fitchburg. They had *Maud Rachel*, b. Nov. 15, 1883; d. Oct. 2, 1884.
- iii. FREDERICK FARNSWORTH, b. Oct. 20, 1867, in Leominster; d. Apr. 12, 1871.
- iv. EMMA FRANCES, b. Feb. 2, 1872, in Leominster, now living in Fitchburg, and with her sister owns and carries on the business of the music store left by her father.

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HENRY BATEMAN (*Joseph* 47), b. July 21, 1864; d. Nov. 18, 1901; m. Nov. 13, 1886, Jennie P. Atherton, b. Oct. 10, 1867; dau. of Charles P. and Philena Augusta (Dutton). Henry Bate- man was R. R. station agent at Lancaster, Mass.; a man of bright parts and business ability. Children, b. in Lancaster:

- i. UNA ATHERTON, b. Jan. 24, 1890; m. Oct. 31, 1910, Harry Porter Lufkin, b. Aug. 30, 1887; one child, *Leah Priscilla*.
- ii. EDNA ERNESTINE, b. July 4, 1891; m. Jan. 30, 1910, Oren Hartwell Kidder, b. Dec. 9, 1891; one child, *Gertrude May*.
- iii. EVELYN GERTRUDE, b. Aug. 6, 1894, and d. Aug. 15, 1894.
- iv. STANLEY J., b. Oct. 15, 1898.

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ORMAN (*Reuben* 48), b. Nov. 10, 1823; d. Mar. 7, 1888; m. Mar. 18, 1852, Julia Cox, b. Sept. 16, 1832; d. May 3, 1902; dau. of James F. and Sarah. Orman was a pioneer farmer of Howard Co., Ind., moved to Kokomo just before his death; well read and an exceptionally hard worker. Children:

- i. SARAH ANN, b. July 4, 1853; m. Jacob Moss and had 1. *Grace*, b. Nov. 12, 1879; m. Daniel R. Matchet and had (a) Sarah Ellen, b. Jan. 26, 1903, d. May 1, 1910; (b) Olive Earline, b. Mar. 6, 1904; (c) Lillian Florence, b. Oct. 7, 1905. 2. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 6, 1881; m. Frank Graf and had (a) Cora Ruth, b. Dec. 2, 1905; (b) Gladys La Veda, b. Jan. 24, 1907. 3. *James Leander*, b. May 8, 1883; d. July 28, 1898. 4. *Raymond*, b. Jan. 9, 1885; m. Dec. 17, 1911, Celesta Mast. 5. *Algive*, b. Dec. 31, 1887. 6. *Elsie*, b. Mar. 30, 1889. 7. *Mary Edna*, b. June 1, 1891.
- ii. AMANDA JANE, b. Mar. 6, 1855; m. June 28, 1887, Lincoln M. Shepherd, b. June 25, 1860. He is a carpen- ter and general mechanic.

188     iii. *JAMES LEANDER*, b. Aug. 15, 1857; d. Dec. 2, 1908.

189     iv. *BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*, b. Aug. 25, 1860.



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v. MARY ANGELINE, b. July 28, 1863; m. Allan Skillman, and had 1. *Fannie A.*, b. July 4, 1888. 2. *Charles P.*, b. Oct., 1890, and 3. *May*, b. May 18, 1892.

vi. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 15, 1866; d. Sept. 7, 1868.

vii. ELIZA A., b. Apr. 15, 1866; d. June 2, 1883.

190 viii. HOWARD WILLIAM, b. Sept. 2, 1869.

ix. CORA MYRTLE, b. Jan. 4, 1875; m. Apr. 15, 1908, John W. Peterson of Tacoma, Wash. One child, *John Rex*, b. Mar. 8, 1909.

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LEANDER (*Reuben* 48), b. in Scioto Co., O., Nov. 5, 1827; d. Nov. 25, 1895. He lived there until he was 21 years old. He then went to Southern Illinois and spent a few years farming; then went to Iowa and engaged in teaching for some years, and afterwards returned to Ohio, where, on Feb. 18, 1866, he m. Sarah A. Terrell of Howard Co., Ind.; dau. of Foster and Sofa (Wiley) of Kentucky, who was b. Apr. 10, 1841. On Apr. 16, 1866, he settled down in Indianola, Ia., where he remained until his death. He was a just and honorable man, a great reader and a member of the Christian Church.

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JOHN MILTON (*Reuben* 48), b. Mar. 27, 1828; d. Oct. 13, 1886; m. May 17, 1863, Mary E. Claypool, b. May 11, 1845; dau. of John and Rosana (Petterson). He lived in Clay City, Ill., a farmer and carpenter. Children:

191 i. H. BRUCE, b. Mar. 28, 1864.

ii. FRANK M., b. Dec. 25, 1869; vice-president Clay City, Ill., Banking Co.

192 iii. H. CLARENCE, b. Jan. 4, 1873; cashier of Bank of Flora, Flora, Ill.

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FRANCIS MARION (*Reuben* 48), b. Nov. 16, 1830, in Ohio; d. Mar. 9, 1907; m. Nov. 12, 1857, Sarah M. McGhee, b. in Ohio, Nov. 8, 1836; dau. of Andrew and Elizabeth (Cartwright). Francis Marion was a farmer and stockman. Children:

- i. LEE D., b. 1858; d. Jan. 15, 1859.
- ii. AGNES, b. Jan. 6, 1860; m. July 3, 1884, Byron P. McNeill, b. Jan. 28, 1857, and they have 1. *Frank*, b. Apr. 24, 1885; m. May 10, 1910, Margaret Pelltreau. 2. *Ethel*, b. June 19, 1887; m. Feb. 5, 1911, T. B. Riley. 3. *Leona*, b. July 9, 1890; m. Aug. 15, 1910, Walter Gow. 4. *William*, b. May 5, 1893.
- iii. JAMES, b. Feb. 9, 1862; a ranchman and stockman in Trinidad, Cal.; unm.
- 193 iv. CHARLES, b. May 1, 1864.
- v. LEWIS V., b. Nov. 3, 1866; a farmer in Yorktown, Ia.; unm.
- 194 vi. WILLIAM H., b. Mar. 12, 1871.

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REUBEN (*Reuben* 48), b. Feb. 22, 1835. He lived first in Ohio, then in Illinois, and in the early seventies was in Nebraska, where his first children were born. Later, in 1876, he moved to Santa Ana, Cal., but went back to Nebraska for awhile. He was by trade a carpenter, but became a farmer and also in Aurora, Nebraska, a storekeeper, and kept store in Eucinitas, Cal. He is a G. A. R. veteran, having enlisted in service in the Civil War. At this date (July, 1912) he is living in California. In July, 1870, he m. Susan Edwards, dau. of James; b. Apr. 27, 1845; d. June 15, 1899. Children:

- 195 i. JOHN LEANDER, b. Mar. 20, 1871, in Nebraska.
- ii. FRED JESSE, b. Nov. 27, 1873, in Nebraska, and lived but 21 months.
- iii. CLARENCE, b. in California, Dec. 9, 1876; a barber in Los Angeles.
- iv. DAISY, b. in Nebraska, Oct. 25, 1879; m. Jan. 11, 1906, Clarence David Clark, b. Mar. 14, 1865, and had 1. *Clarence David*, b. Nov. 24, 1907, and lived but 9 days. 2. *Clarence Edwin*, b. June 19, 1909.
- v. FRANK, b. Feb. 17, 1883; a bookkeeper in San Francisco.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (*Reuben* 48), b. abt. 1840; d. Oct. 4, 1901. He went to Iowa in the summer of 1873, butchered about four years, and then bought a farm four miles north of Indianola,



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which he lived on and cultivated until his death; a good, honorable, hard working man; a very successful farmer. He m. 1st, Dec. 19, 1877, Mary Edgenton, who d. Aug. 20, 1881, and left no children, but they had had an infant daughter who d. He m. 2d, Apr. 16, 1889, Mrs. Frances A. Worden, née Dake, b. in Maryland Sept. 16, 1844, and d. Jan. 22, 1902. No children.

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**DAVID SALLADAY** (*Shadrach* 49), b. Oct. 10, 1828, near Portsmouth, O.; d. Mar. 7, 1912, at Santa Maria, Cal. He was brought up on a farm in a timber country where everybody learned to work. In 1849, on his brother, George W., leaving for California, he succeeded to the little store in Portsmouth, O., but later sold out and moved with his family to Benton Co., Ia., where he secured 320 acres of government land, and helped to make wheat raising in the county a great success. In 1892 he moved to Santa Maria, Cal., and invested largely in Santa Maria Valley, and as the land rapidly advanced in value, it left him at the time of his death worth a quarter of a million. He was a man of sound business judgment. He did not unite with any church, but his sympathies were with the Unitarians and Universalists. He became a firm believer in spiritism, attending some of their national gatherings. He enjoyed scientific study and tried to keep up to date. Three years before his death he went to San Francisco, bought an auto and surprised his friends by driving it home himself. He was an advocate of woman's suffrage and on his death bed urged his wife and daughter to register so that they might vote at the approaching primary election.

In Ohio, on Nov. 25, 1853, he m. Maria Thompson, b. Sept. 17, 1833; d. Apr. 21, 1863; dau. of Joseph and Susan (Beatty). Their children.

- 196 i. **GEORGE W.**, b. Dec. 17, 1854.
- 197 ii. **JOSEPH LOUIS**, b. Feb. 12, 1856.
  - iii. **CORNELIA**, b. Oct. 7, 1858; d. Jan. 7, 1859.
  - iv. **SUSAN**, b. Dec. 12, 1860; d. Sept. 18, 1861.

David S. m. 2d, 1864, Emma Malinda Stewart, b. Mar. 3, 1840; dau. of James C. and Harriet P. (Mason.) Their children were:

vi. KATE FLORENCE, b. Aug. 25, 1865; d. Jan. 31, 1884.

vii. CORAL PATIENCE, b. May 19, 1867; m. Frank Calvin Waterbury, July 12, 1892, son of Dr. Stephen and Lydia E. (Overman). They have 1. *Carl Chaffin*, b. Feb. 22, 1894, and 2. *Chloris Patience*, b. Aug. 24, 1897. Mrs. Waterbury attended Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., 1885-86, and State Teacher's College at Cedar Falls, Ia., 1890-92; taught school three terms and then married. Besides home duties faithfully performed, she finds time for social service and is a leader of more than ordinary executive ability. She is a D. A. R.; recording secretary of Unity Circle, Des Moines, Ia.; member of the Woman's Club, and president of the City Federation of Woman's Clubs for 1912, and takes great interest in works of charity.

Mr. Waterbury entered the P. O. service for two years; learned the jewelry and drug business; studied pharmacy; spent two years in old Mexico for his health; returned and opened a drug store in Nevada, Ia.; engaged in manufacturing pharmaceuticals at Des Moines, and now ships goods all over the world; a salesman of rare ability; an active member of the "Greater Des Moines Committee"; a director in the Mechanics Savings Bank and Trust Co.; an active member of the Unitarian Church, and liberal towards education and charity.

viii. SHADRACH, b. Feb. 8, 1869; d. July 13, 1897; graduated at the Ann Arbor Medical school, 1892, located at Erie, Ill.; his health failing he went to old Mexico, recovered and located at Santa Maria, Cal., 1894; had a rapidly growing practice, and in 1896 an attack of la grippe ruined his health and he died in 1897, ending a promising career and greatly saddening his father's heart.

ix. MARY ELLEN, b. May 16, 1875; m. Dec. 2, 1896, Charles Union Armstrong of Illinois, b. 1864; son of Louis and Mary (Allen). Children: 1. *Charles*, b. and d. May 15, 1901. 2. *David Leon*, b. Jan. 20, 1905, and 3. *Emma Lorita*, b. May 26, 1910. Mrs. Armstrong is a woman of mature judgment and refined manner, and has been a great comfort to her parents in their declining years. Mr. Armstrong is a successful attorney and business man; attorney for



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the Southern Pacific R. R.; interested in public affairs and in great demand as a speaker on special occasions.

Mrs. Emma (Stewart) Chaffin, the mother, was a successful teacher for eleven terms before she married, and she contributed much to her husband's business success. Her husband's confidence in her business ability is manifest in his leaving her his large estate without bond. She is honored in the community and is interested in the Unitarian Church of Santa Barbara, of which she is a member. She resides at Santa Barbara.

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WILLIAM J. WORTH (*Shadrach* 49), b. Dec. 29, 1846, in Scioto Co., O.; remained on the farm where he was b. until Oct. 23, 1899, when he started with his family for Santa Maria, Cal., arriving there Oct. 29, and has lived there ever since, four miles south of the town on a farm of 83 acres which he purchased of his half brother, David S. Chaffin, in the year 1901, where he conducts farming operations "on a small scale, combined with a small poultry business." For two years before going to California he was township treasurer where he lived, this being, as he says, the only public office he ever held. He gives an interesting account of his conversion, which occurred in April, 1866, when "he obtained a prize more valuable than gold and which the wealth of the world could not buy," and which he says has influenced his whole life, and he adds, "My advice to all who may read this sketch is that you may give your hearts to God and make your calling and election sure."

On Dec. 31, 1871, he m. Nancy Call, b. Feb. 11, 1855; dau. of Thomas and Susan Call. Children, all b. on the Shadrach Chaffin homestead:

- i. EMMA, b. Oct. 31, 1872; m. Apr. 12, 1893, Louis T. Raybourn, son of Thomas and Mary, and they had 1. *Jennie*, b. Dec. 26, 1893. 2. *William Worth*, b. Dec. 21, 1895. 3. *John Q.*, b. Nov. 22, 1898. 4. *Blanche B.*, b. May 24, 1903. 5. *Mattie May*, b. Mar. 22, 1906. 6. *Shadrach C.*, b. Dec. 10, 1908.

- ii. JULIA, b. Oct. 9, 1874; m. Mar. 25, 1903, Thomas S. Raybourn, b. Mar. 6, 1864; son of Thomas and Mary, and have 1. *Earl Shelton*, b. May 15, 1905. 2. *Lewis William*, b. June 29, 1906. 3. *Russell T.*, b. June 24, 1911.
- 198 iii. SHADRACH, b. June 17, 1876.
- iv. THOMAS, b. Dec. 29, 1877.
- 199 v. GEORGE W., b. Jan. 15, 1881.
- vi. WILLARD, b. Apr. 1, 1883; m. June 7, 1906, Ethylin Adelaide Tobey, b. Nov. 18, 1884; dau. of Almon Roscoe and Irona Octavia.
- vii. CHARLES E., b. Sept. 29, 1885; m. Mar. 29, 1909, Annie B. Wickman, dau. of William J. and Augusta.
- viii. RANSA, b. July 14, 1887; m. Apr. 3, 1907, Joseph S. Brown, son of Thomas S. and Rachel.
- ix. HORACE H., b. Mar. 30, 1891.
- x. MERRITT, b. Aug. 3, 1893.
- xi. GLADYS, b. Mar. 28, 1896.

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PHINEAS BEAN (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. in Porter township, Scioto Co., O., Dec. 7, 1823; m. Jan. 19, 1848, Persis Louisa Lamb, who d. Sept. 1, 1890. He lived on the Lamb farm a mile and a half below Franklin Furnace, O., from 1848 to 1875. He then bought the Montgomery Mill on Pine Creek and lived there until Apr. 5, 1882, and then moved to Crabtree, Morgan township, where he continued to reside. He had learned the shoemaker's trade but did not follow it after his marriage. Children:

- 200 i. ALBERT BYERS, b. July 20, 1851.
- ii. WILLIAM FRANCIS, b. 1852; d. Oct. 2, 1852.
- iii. LUCY MARIA, b. 1854; d. Oct. 25, 1854.
- iv. RUBY IDA, b. July 16, 1860; m. Oct. 28, 1879, Thomas Hartman, who was an undertaker and embalmer, and they had four children: 1. *Hallie Oberia*, b. May 29, 1881; m. in 1900, Rev. Chas. M. Hartshorn of the M. E. Church; lived a year at Jasper, O., then went to Boston, Mass., he to take a theological course of study and she to finish her musical studies, and they were there three years. Returning to Ohio, he was stationed at Lewis Center, but after a month of happy life, on Dec. 12, 1904, she died. 2. *Lucie Etta*,



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b. Jan. 23, 1884; m. Jan. 21, 1901, George Ray Maffey, a carpenter and contractor, and had Ruba Lou, b. Oct. 1, 1903; Hattie Margaret, b. Aug. 14, 1905; Marietta, b. Sept., 1910; Katharine Imogene, b. June, 1912, and there was another girl who died in infancy. 3. *Fannie Margaret*, b. Aug. 14, 1889; m. Aug., 1910, Richard Lee Fite, a willwright and civil engineer; one son, Richard Lee, b. Feb. 27, 1912. 4. *Claudius Taylor*, b. July 17, 1894.

v. MARY ELIZA, b. abt. 1862; d. Sept. 19, 1865.

201 vi. FRANK MOREY, b. July 27, 1865.

vii. INA BELL, b. Sept. 2, 1869; d. Jan. 2, 1905; m. abt. 1902, Harry Peeling, and had one daughter, who died in infancy.

viii. ADDIE MAY, b. Sept. 23, 1875; m. Nov. 22, 1905, at Columbus, O., George M. Murphy and have 1. *George Washington*, b. July 22, 1906. 2. *Persis Amanda*, b. Sept. 11, 1908.

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JOHN H. (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. Nov. 9, 1827; d. in Illinois a few years ago near Elba. He m. Jan. 9, 1851, Rebecca Patten. They had three sons: i. JEREMIAH, ii. WILLIAM, and iii. GEORGE WASHINGTON, and three daughters: iv. ALMIRA, v. LAVINA, vi. SOPHIA. Some of the sons lived near Omaha, Ill. This very meager information is all the author has been able to secure.

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FRANCIS MARION (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. Oct. 30, 1829; m. Susan Perry, who d. Dec. 30, 1907, Gillespieville, O. He made brick and owned the kiln and yards. They had: i. HORACE and ii. MAY.

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WILLIAM BRACKET (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. Jan. 22, 1832; he m. Alice Fletcher, b. Nov. 30, 1850, at Quincy, Ill.; d. June 24, 1870, at Angels Camp, Cal.; dau. of R. B. Fletcher of England. He had lived four years with his son Clarence at Knoxville, Tenn., and nineteen years since with William in Texas. Children:

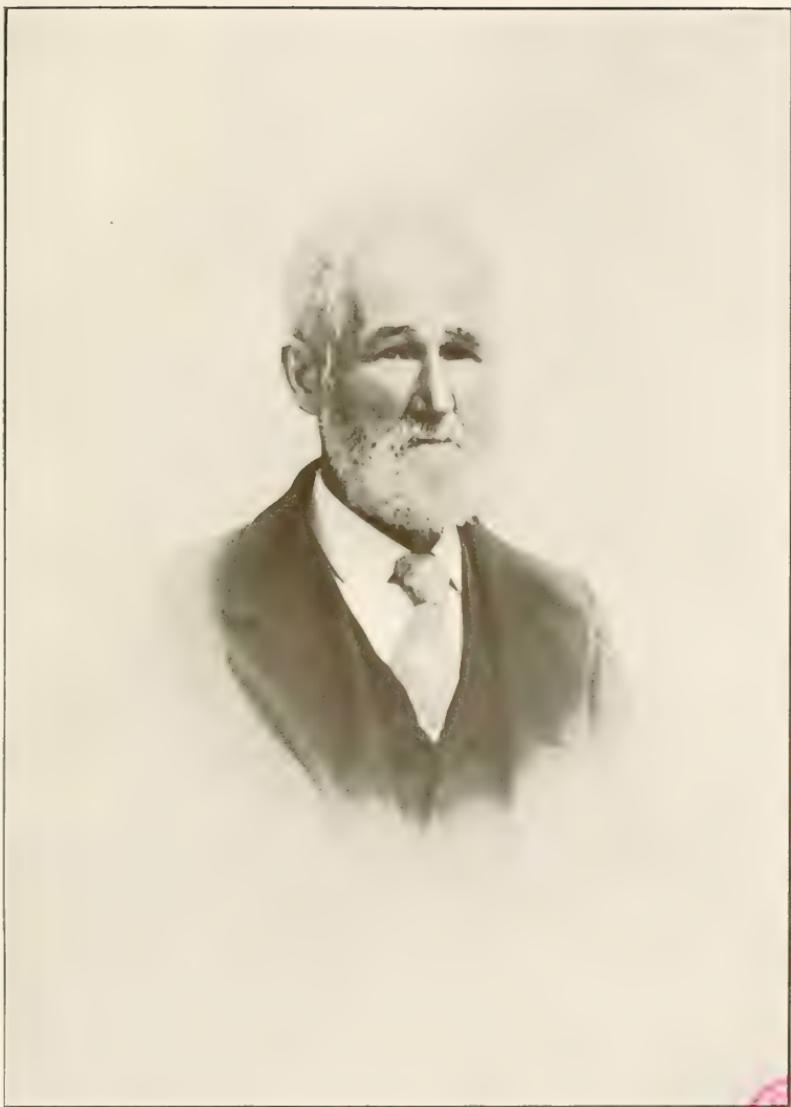
202 i. CLARENCE, b. Feb. 22, 1867.

203 ii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 16, 1868, at Angels Camp, Cal.

THOMAS BRACKETT (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. Sept. 22, 1837; first a shoemaker and then a farmer, lived in Portsmouth, O.; served three years in the Civil War. He m. Sept. 22, 1866, Eveline Howard, b. Jan. 20, 1849; d. Sept. 5, 1912; dau. of Jonathan and Ann Elizabeth. Children:

204 i. WILLIAM H., b. June 20, 1867.  
 ii. CHARLES, b. Dec. 15, 1868; d. Feb. 26, 1872.  
 iii. DORA, b. Jan. 4, 1871; m. Nov. 4, 1894, Frank E. Burke, b. Sept. 30, 1866, and had 1. *William J.*, b. Sept. 4, 1897; d. Sept. 7, 1903. 2. *Madeline E.*, b. July 7, 1900. 3. *Crawford E.*, b. Sept. 13, 1904.  
 iv. NELLIE, b. Aug. 24, 1874; m. May 30, 1896, William Cline, b. Sept. 13, 1870, and had 1. *A Daughter*, b. and d. July 21, 1897. 2. *Howard W.*, b. Oct. 3, 1900. 3. *Georgiana F.*, b. Dec. 24, 1904. 4. *Gordon*, b. Feb. 21, 1906.  
 v. BERTHA, b. Nov. 28, 1876; m. Sept. 16, 1898, Oscar George Bowman, b. Nov. 5, 1876, and had 1. *Raymond Glen*, b. Mar. 5, 1902. 2. *Narretta Priscilla*, b. Feb. 19, 1909. 3. *Le Grande Dale*, b. Aug. 23, 1911.  
 vi. PEARL, b. Jan. 7, 1878; m. July 8, 1903, Mitchell Jordan, b. Feb. 19, 1878, and had 1. *Lawrence H.*, b. Aug. 3, 1904. 2. *Thelma M.*, b. Aug. 18, 1907.  
 vii. INFANT DAUGHTER, unnamed, b. Apr. 1, 1880, and d. Apr. 6, 1880.  
 viii. CAROLINE, b. Apr. 13, 1881; m. Sept. 15, 1903, Philemon W. Hicks, b. June 24, 1881, and had 1. *Charlotte E.*, b. June 22, 1904. 2. *Genevieve H.*, b. Sept. 24, 1905. 3. *Philemon L.*, b. Jan. 19, 1908.  
 ix. HARRY, b. Oct. 20, 1883; d. May 20, 1885.  
 x. CLINTON, b. Sept. 13, 1885; d. Feb. 11, 1886.  
 xi. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 9, 1887; m. Apr. 15, 1907, Clifton Bricker.  
 xii. FLORENCE, b. May 27, 1890; m. Mar. 8, 1906, Frank Moore, b. Apr. 23, 1889, and had 1. *Eugene H.*, b. June 23, 1907.

GEORGE W. (*Phineas Bean* 50), b. Aug. 29, 1839; d. Dec. 4, 1905. He was a shoemaker by trade and lived in Portsmouth,



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O.; enlisted for three years in the Civil War, and afterwards re-enlisted. He m. Sept. 2, 1866, Matilda Louderbach, b. Feb. 22, 1840. Children:

- i. ALMIRA, b. Sept. 11, 1868; m. Dec. 15, 1890, Burle Burke, a tanner in Franklin Furnace, O.
- ii. ORIN B., b. Nov. 3, 1869.
- iii. WINIFRED A., b. Dec. 17, 1882.

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ANSON (*Joel* 51), b. in Seneca Co., Jan. 2, 1828; d. Feb. 23, 1868; m. Feb. 4, 1856, Mary Elizabeth Fink, b. in Seneca Co., Aug. 25, 1838. Children:

- 205 i. SAMUEL JOEL, b. Jan. 18, 1857, in Wyandot Co., O.
- 206 ii. GEORGE TITUS, b. Apr. 13, 1858, in Elmore Co.
- iii. NORA ELLEN, b. Aug. 27, 1863; m. Mar. 28, 1887, Fred Bertholf, b. Sept. 22, 1871; d. Apr. 25, 1907, and had *Ruth Annabell*, b. Aug. 19, 1899. Mrs. Bertholf lives in Toledo, O.

Anson's widow m. June 11, 1880, George L. Leach, b. at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1842, and they had Annabel, b. May 25, 1881; m. George W. Gehring, Feb. 3, 1904; one dau., Justine Caroline, b. May 2, 1906.

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GEORGE ROGERS (*Samuel* 52), b. in Holden, Mass., May 3, 1823; d. in Unadilla, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1879. He m. 1st, Feb. 1, 1849, Sarah T. Sherwood, who d. May 5, 1853. He m. 2d, Feb. 19, 1856, Emily A. Sherwood, sister of his first wife. George R. had two boys who d. young.

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SAMUEL H. (*Samuel* 52), b. Apr. 17, 1830, in Unadilla, N. Y.; d. Apr. 11, 1911. He m. Feb. 26, 1867, Emily C. Blanchard, b. June 9, 1839; d. Nov. 17, 1909. They had no children. Samuel was a farmer and at the time of his death owned the old Chaffin homestead left by his father, but he lived on another farm nearer the village. He was a prominent man in Unadilla, and at

one time was supervisor, having with the concurrence of other town officers the charge of the town affairs. He was a fine old gentleman of exemplary habits and was thoroughly respected by all who knew him. During the last three or four years he had senile dementia but lived at home. After his wife's death, however, a committee was appointed to take charge of his property, Jerome S. Seacord, an attorney at Unadilla, acting as such committee at the time of Mr. Chaffin's death. He left property of the value of about ten thousand dollars. In his will made in 1901 he left his property for the use of his wife in her lifetime, and at her death it was to go, except a few small legacies, to the children of his adopted sister, Mary Le Suer.

## 126

HENRY (*Elisha* 53), b. in Holden, Nov. 29, 1827; d. in Dorchester, Dec. 29, 1902. He was engaged in the business of a merchant tailor and furnishing goods on Washington St., Boston, for about twenty-five years. He m. June 2, 1859, in Providence, R. I., Sarah Elizabeth Almy, b. in Old Warwick, R. I., Aug. 2, 1837; dau. of Tillinghast and Sarah (Littlefield). Children:

207 i. HARRY ALMY, b. in Boston, June 3, 1860.  
ii. FREDERIC L., b. in Jamaica Plain, June 5, 1862; d. Aug. 11, 1909. He was a merchant tailor in Boston; m. Nov. 24, 1887, Cora Isabella Wilder, b. Feb. 20, 1866; dau. of Ambrose and Mary Sophia.  
iii. LIZZIE ELOISE, b. in Boston, Oct. 27, 1864.  
iv. LOUISA WENTWORTH, b. in Brookline Oct. 30, 1866; m. in Brighton, Rev. Charles H. Washburn of Melrose Highlands, Apr. 22, 1886; son of Henry and Fannie E. He is now (1912) of Neponset, Mass., in Trinity Church. Children: 1. *Ruth E.*, b. Mar. 25, 1887, in Berlin, Mass. 2. *Almy Dwight*, b. at N. Woburn, Nov. 1, 1888; now (1912) a senior at Harvard College. 3. *Ralph Seelye*, b. at N. Woburn, Aug. 25, 1890; salesman, Burr & Andrews paper mills. 4. *Lawrence Gould*, b. Falmouth, Feb. 23, 1893. 5. *Walter Bailey*, b. Falmouth, Apr. 27, 1897.  
v. FRANK ELISHA, b. in Brookline Apr. 17, 1869. He has a farm in Halifax, Mass., with poultry and greenhouses.

- vi. **FLORENCE ABIGAIL**, twin with Frank.
- vii. **SARAH TILLINGHAST**, b. in Swampscott, Mass., Sept. 27, 1870.
- viii. **WALTER BAILEY**, b. in Brookline Oct. 30, 1873. Ship joiner in the navy yard.
- ix. **ARTHUR GOULDING**, b. in Brighton, Oct. 5, 1877, is engaged in the business of concrete construction.

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**LEWIS GOULDING** (*Elisha* 53), b. Oct. 31, 1843; d. Oct. 22, 1864. He was a machinist and was instantly killed by accident; m. Nov. 25, 1863, in Fitchburg, Mass., Caroline M. Dunster, dau. of Jason and Sarah. She was b. Aug. 6, 1846, in Westminister, Mass. Child:

208 i. **LEWIS GOULDING**, b. Jan. 25, 1865.

Mrs. Chaffin m. three years later, George W. Jones of Norwich, Conn., who d. Oct. 10, 1911. She now lives in Millbury, Mass.

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**NATHAN LARKIN** (*Nathan* 54), b. May 18, 1820, in Winchendon, Mass.; d. Mar. 14, 1896; m. Mar. 11, 1846, Prudence Leland of Shrewsbury, Mass., b. June 14, 1818; d. Jan. 9, 1888; dau. of John and Abigail (Parker). Nathan L. was a shoemaker and afterwards a farmer. Children, b. in Grafton, Mass.:

- i. **GEORGE NATHAN**, b. Oct. 6, 1847; d. in infancy.
- ii. **GEORGE NATHAN**, b. Aug. 10, 1848; d. when 10 months old.
- 209 iii. **GEORGE HENRY**, b. Nov. 4, 1849.
- iv. **SARAH JANE**, b. Dec. 27, 1852; d. June, 1899; m. Dec. 10, 1873, at Grafton, Edward F. Marble, b. 1844; son of F. M. and Mary E. Children: 1. *Anna May*, b. Apr. 30, 1876, and a son, who died in infancy.
- v. **EMMA ADELINA**, b. July 10, 1855; m. 1st, Sept. 24, 1874, Charles F. Newhall, b. in Lincoln, Mass., July, 1854; d. Mar. 21, 1887, in Boston: son of Francis and Martha Jane (Morse). One son, *George F.*, b. Dec. 10, 1875. She m. 2d, May 6, 1891, Joseph A. Hamilton, b. in Barre, Mass., about 1843; d. 1904 or 5; son of Austin and Lydia.
- 210 vi. **FRANCIS WARREN**, b. July 29, 1858.

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MATTHIAS (*Nathan* 54), b. in Winchendon, Mass., Feb. 2, 1822; d. in Phillipston, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897; m. 1st, Apr. 2, 1846, Amazonia Bolton, dau. of John and Olive, b. Aug. 17, 1821; d. June 3, 1858, in West Boylston. They had one child that died at his birth. When m. Matthias was "of Lancaster, Mass."

He m. 2d, June 7, 1861, Mrs. Tina H. (Loring) Chaffin, widow of George Franklin Chaffin. She was b. Oct. 6, 1836, in Shirley, Mass.; dau. of Richmond and Mary W. (Smith). George F. and Tina lived in Phillipston, where he died, and where his widow lives with her son, George M. Chaffin.

Matthias was a Civil War veteran; enlisted in Co. E, 42d Regt., Mass. Volunteer Militia, July 22, 1864, and served until Nov. 11, 1864. He was one of the hundred day men, and was detailed as hospital cook, but being sick with yellow jaundice was sent home. His occupation was that of bootmaker.

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WILLIAM FRANKLIN (*Nathan* 54), b. Feb. 14, 1827; d. Apr. 9, 1885, in Jamaica, Vt.; m. Aug. 11, 1844, Sarah Moosman Brooks, b. Oct. 20, 1823; d. in Winhall, Vt., Nov. 13, 1877. William F. was a carpenter by trade, but while a young man he worked in a cotton factory most of the time. In 1861 he enlisted at Bennington, Vt., for the Civil War in Co. G, First Vermont Cavalry. At the time of his wife's death he was living in Winhall, and his children were born there. Children:

210 i. **GEORGE WILLIAM**, b. May 15, 1845.  
 ii. **JAMES MOOSMAN**, b. Apr. 13, 1851; d. Dec. 1, 1877.  
 iii. **MINNIE K.**, b. Feb. 20, 1859; d. Nov. 10, 1879; m. Mar. 21, 1874, John P. Haskins in Bondville, Vt. Children:  
 1. *Grace Corinne*, b. Nov. 14, 1874. As her mother died when Grace was five years old, she was given to her Uncle George and Aunt Lucie, who cared for her. She m. Oct. 10, 1906, Espy Lee Douglass. They have Lawrence H., b. Nov. 20, 1908, and Kenneth, b. 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass live in Caldwell, Idaho.  
 2. *Zadie*, b. Aug. 16, 1876; d. Jan. 1, 1878.

## 131

DAVID FRANCIS (*David* 55), b. Oct. 14, 1826, in Leominster; d. March 9, 1859. He was a painter. He m. (int.) Jan. 6, 1849, Mary Arvilla Walker of Leominster. Child:

- i. FRANK HENRY, b. Mar. 14, 1858, in Clinton; d. Mar. 10, 1859.

## 132

LYSANDER (*Joseph Cheney* 56), b. Feb. 3, 1841, in Worcester, Mass.; d. Sept. 26, 1895. He was a farmer, Shutesbury, Mass., and afterwards moved to Hatfield, Mass., and lived there until about 1880, when he went to Elmwood, Cass Co., Neb. Lysander served as a wagoner in Co. F, 39th Regt. Mass. Vols., from Aug. 30, 1862, to June 22, 1865; m. June 22, 1862, Almyra S. Tillson, b. Aug. 8, 1843; dau. of Zebina and Mercy (Edwards). Children:

- i. SARAH EMMA, b. Oct. 2, 1866, in Hatfield; m. Mar. 9, 1886, Rev. Alexander J. Smith, b. Oct. 6, 1857. One child, *Alexander*, b. Jan. 21, 1887, in Elmwood, Neb.
- ii. ARTHUR LYSANDER, b. Nov. 20, 1868, in Hatfield.
- iii. LAURA N., b. Sept. 9, 1870, in Hatfield.
- iv. ELBRIDGE, b. Mar. 12, 1872, in Hatfield; d. Mar. 22, 1873.
- v. ROSA MABEL, b. July 26, 1874, in Hatfield.
- vi. EDGAR, b. May 28, 1876, in Hatfield.
- vii. LORIN, b. Feb. 1, 1879, in Northampton, Mass.
- viii. ALBERT, b. Oct. 28, 1881, in Elmwood, Neb.; d. Sept. 25, 1883.
- ix. ELLA, b. Feb. 19, 1887, in Elmwood, Neb.

## 133

WINSLOW (*Joseph Cheney* 56), b. in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 13, 1842; d. Jan. 3, 1907, in W. He was a bootmaker and lived in Worcester, but at the time of his death was running a boarding stable. When first married he was called a farmer, living in Lancaster. He was a Civil War veteran; enlisted in Co. G, 21st Regt., Infantry, Aug. 23, 1861; was soon disabled and discharged; re-enlisted in 1863 in the 3d Regt. Heavy Artillery, Co. G, and was

discharged the next year. He was a comrade in Post No. 10, G. A. R., and several lodges of I. O. G. T. On Sept. 22, 1866, he m. Sarah L. Ross of Princeton, b. 1850; dau. of Asa K. and Clarissa P. of Sterling. Child:

212 i. ALBERT E., b. July 4, 1867, in Princeton, Mass.

Sarah, the first wife, was divorced and afterwards at Providence, July 26, 1892, she m. Caleb E. Parmenter. Winslow m. 2d, Abbie E. Bacon Morse, Aug. 24, 1891; dau. of Chas. and Eliza. She was of Worcester.

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AUGUSTUS FILLMORE (*Joseph Cheney 56*), b. in Holden, Mass., July 21, 1852; m. June 25, 1881, Emma Agnes Justi, b. Jan. 4, 1859. He lives at San Antonio, Tex., going there Dec., 1877, and is a carpenter. Nov. 22, 1875, he entered the regular army and was honorably discharged Nov. 21, 1880. He has, he writes, "been all over the country in his lifetime." Children:

- i. ALBERT GEORGE, b. Apr. 1, 1882; d. June 18, 1883.
- ii. MARY LOUISE, b. June 23, 1883; m. July 18, 1900, Joseph Frank Kneitz. One child: *Florence May*, b. May 17, 1909.
- iii. HARRY WINSLOW, b. Jan. 20, 1895.

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ALFRED H. (*Royal H. 57*), b. in Holden, Mass., Apr. 9, 1819; d. June 8, 1911. In his younger days he worked for his father in Holden making clothiers' supplies. Later he learned the watchmakers trade, and still later he began the manufacture of band instruments. After that he entered into a partnership of dealers in paint supplies, under the firm name of Baker & Chaffin. He is remembered as an old time musician, and member of the Worcester brass band, and was one of the best musicians of the time. When the 36th Regiment of Mass. was mustered into service for the Civil War, he enlisted and was head musician of the regimental band. After the close of the war he bought a farm in Holden, and he then started a grist mill and saw mill and did a good business. He belonged to the Odd Fellows and the Free



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Masons and was a Knight Templar. Although he suffered from a stroke of apoplexy, he was in good spirits on his ninety-second birthday when his friends and children gathered about his bedside and he conversed pleasantly with them at the time.

On Apr. 4, 1844, he m. 1st, Lucy Bancroft, b. Nov. 11, 1823; dau. of Henry and Mary (Knowles) of Auburn; she d. Mar. 5, 1881. Children:

213 i. GEORGE BANCROFT, b. Nov. 14, 1847, in Worcester.  
 ii. EMMA CARRIE, b. May 2, 1849, in Worcester; d. May 22, 1850.  
 iii. HENRY BANCROFT, b. Sept. 14, 1854, in Holden; d. Apr. 15, 1890, in Somerville, Mass. He m. Dec. 26, 1889, Margaret Mitchell, b. 1856; dau. of George and Jane; d. Nov. 20, 1891.  
 iv. WILLIAM ALFRED, b. June 29, 1856; m. May 23, 1882, Kate Mosher, b. Apr. 23, 1858, in Syracuse, N. Y.; dau. of Samuel and Margaret. William A. is a machinist; no children.

Alfred H., the father, m. 2d, Sept. 11, 1889, Mrs. Emma J. (Smith) Brown of Worcester, b. July 2, 1844; dau. of Duncan and Betsey Smith.

## 136

FREDERIC WILLARD (*Charles Chandler 59*), b. in Holden, Mass., Dec. 1, 1831; d. Sept. 24, 1887; m. 1st, June 7, 1856, at Boston, Caroline S. Durling, dau. of Peter Pines; m. 2d, Oct. 20, 1872, Eliza L. Smith, b. in Holden, Dec. 4, 1848; dau. of Thoret and Caroline. Frederic was a Civil War veteran. Enlisted in Co. A, Fifteenth Regt. Infantry, July 12, 1861, and was discharged for disability Dec. 15, 1861. He settled in Holden, where his occupation was a teamster. His widow, July 14, 1890, m. Stephen T. Cole, and they had 1. Edna Avis, b. June 3, 1891, and 2. Arthur Edgar, b. Apr. 1, 1893, and d. Aug. 11, 1893. Mr. Cole d. May 1, 1906. Mrs. Cole lives now (1911) in Holden.

## 137

CHARLES EDWARD (*Charles Chandler 59*), b. in Holden, Mass., Mar. 20, 1845. Leaving home early he lived in his boyhood

with relatives and others, earning his way and attending school until in 1868, he went to work for Johnson and Son, organ makers, in Westfield, Mass. He has been associated with this one firm for over forty-three years, and is an expert voicer, tuner and finisher. His home is in Westfield, Mass. He m. Sept. 29, 1874, Edwena Roberts, b. July 7, 1843; dau. of John T. and Caroline (Yeams). Children.

- i. CAROLINE WILSON, b. July 9, 1876, in Westfield, and has been supervisor of music in West Springfield for seven years.
- ii. FLORENCE, b. May 17, 1878, in Westfield; is an artist.
- iii. AN INFANT, b. and d. Mar. 3, 1883.

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GEORGE WILDER (*Charles Chandler* 59), b. Aug. 31, 1847.

He left home at the age of 13 years and has cared for himself ever since. He has engaged in several kinds of business; was for twenty-two years superintendent of the Fletcher Mfg. Co., and for five years president of the American Bolt and Screw Case Co. of Dayton, O., his goods being sent to every country on the globe. He is an able business man and a true gentleman. He gave his children a fine education.

On May 5, 1874, he m. Mary Jane Wendell, b. Nov. 27, 1853; d. Mar. 11, 1883; dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Hay). Children, all b. in Washington Court House, O.:

- 214 i. CHARLES CHANDLER, b. Jan. 27, 1875.
- ii. MABEL MAY, b. Feb. 6, 1877; m. July 16, 1902, R. W. Baggott, probate judge of Montgomery Co., O., and one of the best after dinner speakers in the state. Their children: 1. *James Chaffin*, b. May 11, 1904. 2. *Horace Worman*, b. Jan. 7, 1906.
- 215 iii. WENDEL WILSON, b. Jan. 19, 1879.
- iv. VERRELL, b. Jan. 27, 1881; m. Jan. 30, 1902, George L. Coleman, a successful real estate dealer. Their children: 1. *Robert*, b. Dec. 15, 1905. 2. *John*, b. May 28, 1907.

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JOHN WILLARD (*John* 65), b. Sept. 29, 1830, in Claremont, N. H.; a farmer, and "also a scholar of the self-made type, a



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great reader with a retentive memory." In 1888 he represented the town of Claremont in the State Legislature. He m. Nov. 29, 1855, Susan M. Gage, b. Sept. 19, 1828; d. Aug. 16, 1893; dau. of Joseph and Calista (Sprague). Mr. Chaffin d. Apr. 11, 1912, having lived all his life on his farm, which was his father's before him. Children:

216 i. ELLA A., b. Sept. 20, 1858; resides in Claremont, N. H.  
ii. WILLIAM ELMER, b. Nov. 18, 1862.  
iii. ALBERT, b. June, 1865; d. Aug. 19, 1865.  
iv. EDWARD H., b. May 3, 1867; d. July 10, 1910; unm.

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WILLIAM HENRY (*John* 65), b. in Claremont, N. H., 1839; d. Sept. 19, 1864. In 1861, after an academic education, he entered the Military University at Norwich, Vt., and late in 1862 at Concord, N. H., he drilled recruits for the Fourteenth N. H. Regt. and became Captain of Co. I. At the battle of Opequan Creek he was acting as Lieut.-col. and was one of the first men killed. His colonel, Robert Wilson, speaks of him as follows:

"Capt. Chaffin was always distinguished for his good soldierly qualities; his steady observance of duty under all hardships and trials, and they were many and often times vexatious. I never heard a word of complaint or grumbling from officers or men of Co. I against their captain, either for severity of discipline, or injustice in the management of company affairs. He was one of my most reliable officers, and when directed from headquarters to detail an officer for particular duty, requiring decided courage, a cool head under high responsibilities, and a thorough determination to do the duty with which he should be intrusted, I often selected Chaffin for its performance. His care for the privates of his company was untiring, and he generally reported more men fit for duty than any other company of the same size. In the summer of 1863, Capt. Chaffin was sent with a detachment of about sixty men to the front, near Rappahannock, to return a body of convalescents to their several regiments. When near his destination a large army train, loaded with fixed ammunition, was attacked by one hundred and fifty or two hundred of Moseby's guer-

rillas disguised as Union soldiers. Several of the drivers were killed, the harnesses were cut, nearly two hundred mules were run off, and some wagons plundered of loose articles, when Chaffin and his men came up at double quick, saved the train, dispersed the guerrillas, and recovered one hundred and thirty or one hundred and forty of the mules.

“During the voyage to New Orleans, in March, 1864, we encountered a severe gale, lasting five days, and no person on the vessel expected to escape from going down; yet Chaffin was active and efficient in the preservation of good discipline and in exciting cheerfulness among the men. ‘In a reconnoisance in force, made Sept. 5th, 1864, near Berryville, Va., by order of Gen. Sheridan, the skirmish line consisted of some troops from New York which did not advance with alacrity and boldness sufficient to satisfy our commander, and I was directed to call for volunteers from my regiment to perform that duty. Capt. Chaffin immediately stepped forward and offered his services. His offer was accepted, and he proceeded at once to push the enemy vigorously. The service was one of great danger, but there was no farther complaint from our general in command of lack of energy and daring in the skirmishers. I resigned, and on the evening of Sept. 7, 1864, received my discharge, and was no longer in command. Twelve days afterward the little battle of Opequan Creek occurred, and poor Chaffin, with many other brave men and officers, gave their lives for their country.’ His body fell into the hands of the enemy, but was afterward recovered and buried by his men. Soon after his death his father died, and the funeral sermon of both, at the same time was preached at the Congregational Church by Rev. E. W. Clark. He left a mother and one brother, and many friends to mourn his early death.”

JOHN HENRY (*John* 67), b. abt. 1830 in Boston, where he m. abt. 1852, Ada L. Hyde. Children:

- i. ADA LOUISE, b. Feb. 3, 1853; d. July 31, 1853.
- ii. AVIS MABEL, b. Feb. 3, 1858.

## 142

CHARLES RODNEY (*Rodney* 68), b. Dec. 18, 1851, in Buxfield, Me. In the publication some years ago called "The Leading Business Men of Portland," Chas. R. is spoken of as having the largest jobbing and retailing fruit house in the state of Maine, dealing in the pines of Cuba, the bananas, grapes and oranges of Florida, and the pears, apples and plums of California. The business was started in 1874 under the title of Chaffin Bros., but in 1877 became Chaffin and Libby and so continued until 1883, at which date Mr. Libby withdrew from the business and Mr. Chaffin assumed entire control. At one time his business employed eight assistants. He has now retired from business and lives in Gorham, Me. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On May 9, 1877, he m. Mary L. Libby, b. Sept. 14, 1852; dau. of Benjamin and Mary A. (Parker). Children, b. in Portland:

- i. HATTIE MAY, b. Apr. 4, 1878; became a trained nurse in Bangor.
- ii. FLORENCE AGNES, b. Mar. 31, 1879; m. Nov. 26, 1902, Harry L. Warren, b. 1873. They had 1. *Leon Hugh*, b. 1903. 2. *Almon Rodney*, b. Jan. 14, 1905. 3. *Pauline Agnes*, b. July 22, 1911. 4. *Arthur Libby*
- 217 iii. CHARLES CHESTER, b. Mar. 2, 1885.
- iv. HARRY WALDRON, b. July 18, 1886; d. Feb. 24, 1887.
- v. LINWOOD LIBBY, b. Dec. 2, 1889. He is in the forestry business for the state and government.

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FRANK WILLIAM (*Rodney* 68), b. Dec. 18, 1853, in Buxfield, Me.; d. Feb. 24, 1912. At the age of 16 years he started to learn the carpenter's trade, this being his father's business, but not liking it he tried the optical business for a while, and then went to Boston, where he ran a stall in a Boston market. His mother's health failing, he sold out his Boston business and returned to her in Portland, and there, first as clerk, then partner, and then full owner he took up the fruit business and was very successful. He soon had three stores under the name of "Chaffin Fruit Stores," doing a wholesale and retail business, buying by the carload and importing direct for distribution throughout

Northern New England. At the age of 38 years a serious nervous breakdown obliged him to rest on a farm for six years. He then became head steward for the largest hotel in Portland, which position he finally gave up to go into the real estate business in Melrose and Malden, Mass. Among the well known persons who used to be his customers in Portland were the Hon. T. B. Reed, the widely known speaker of the House in Washington, and Hon. James G. Blaine, for whom Mr. Chaffin named his younger son.

On Feb. 9, 1880, he m. Harriet Elizabeth Frye, b. May 13, 1859, in Portland; dau. of James and Lucinda (Curtis). Children, b. in Portland, Me.:

- i. LAURA MAY, b. Aug. 29, 1881.
- 218 ii. CLARENCE EUGENE, b. Dec. 6, 1882.
- iii. WALTER FRANKLIN BLAINE, b. June 6, 1884.
- iv. EVA LILLIAN, b. July 1, 1886.
- v. GERTRUDE WALDRON, b. Sept. 29, 1895, in Gorham, Me.

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JAMES BONNEY (*George Granville* 69), b. in West Sumner, Me., July 26, 1843; d. at Buckfield, Me., June 29, 1910. After receiving his education he studied law with W. W. Virgin of Norway and was admitted to the bar at Kingwood, W. Va., 1873. He practiced there and also in Kansas, in Gorham, N. H., and in Quincy, Mass. Failing health, however, forced him to retire from his profession and he returned to his native state, his last days being spent in the home of his boyhood. On July 6, 1871, he m. Emma I. Hayden, b. in Boston, Dec. 6, 1848; dau. of John J. and Clara A. Children:

- i. HENRY MELVILLE, b. in Ringwood, N. J., Apr. 19, 1872; d. Jan. 10, 1900; m. Nov. 25, 1897, Mrs. Mary L. (Short) Light, dau. of Lewis and Rachel Short.
- ii. CLARA HAYDEN, b. Mar. 9, 1874; m. Feb. 7, 1894, Frank P. Thayer, son of Eben E. and Lottie Cole; d. Dec. 19, 1911. Children: 1. *James Russell*, b. May 12, 1895. 2. *Lucy May*, b. Apr. 24, 1898. Mrs. Thayer resides in Tucson, Ariz.
- iii. JOHN GRANVILLE, b. in Gorham, N. H., Oct. 6, 1876; d. Feb. 4, 1901; unm.; a shoe cutter and lived in New York City.

- iv. MARY EMMA, b. Aug. 29, 1878; taught school successfully in Norway, Me.; m. Aug. 29, 1911, on her birthday, Gilbert Wright Tilton, a mechanic, b. July 29, 1871; son of Gilbert and Cynthia (Kilbreth).
- v. DORA BELL, b. in Quincy, Mass., June 16, 1880; m. Jan. 19, 1909, George F. Fisher, b. in Abilene, Kan., Apr. 25, 1874. One child, *Dora*, b. Oct. 24, 1909. They reside in Plainfield, N. J.
- vi. ALBION EUGENE, b. Feb. 24, 1885; a farmer in Buckfield, Me.
- vii. JAMES BONNEY, b. Oct. 27, 1887; a shoe cutter, Auburn, Me.

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FRED LA FOREST (*Adoniram* 70), b. Sept. 11, 1850; m. Oct. 4, 1870, Sophronia Sanders, in Boston, b. 1847; dau. of Benj. and Phebe. He m. 2d, Aug. 28, 1888, Charlotte McDonald of Boston, b. 1857; dau. of Donald and Emily. He was a carpenter. Child:

- i. LYDIA RUTH, b. Aug. 1, 1896, in Newton, Mass.



## SIXTH GENERATION

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**ABEL WHEELER** (*Sumner* 75), b. in Madison, Me., Jan. 23, 1850. He was early taken by his uncle, of whom he was a namesake, and was reared by him but not legally adopted as a son, and was taken by him to Wisconsin and Illinois and finally to Denver, Col., where Abel W., Sr., died, Nov. 25, 1890. In a boyish freak before leaving Maine he had petitioned the legislature to permit his name to be changed from Chaffin to Chabin, and this name was saddled on the younger Abel and was by him transmitted to his children. He engaged in the newspaper business and was said to have run a newspaper in Illinois, and after that two in Kansas, and later did editorial work on some of the best papers in the South. On Jan. 31, 1875, he m. Julia E. Pollard, who was b. in 1851. Children:

- 219 i. **HENRY WHEELER**, b. Jan. 21, 1876.
- ii. **ALBERT WILLIAM**, b. Apr. 7, 1878; lives in Garden City, Kan.; married; no children.
- iii. **NELLIE MABLE**, b. Sept. 11, 1879; an operator in Garden City.
- iv. **JOHN ABEL**, b. Jan. 10, 1880; married; a cigarmaker and lives in Denver, Col.

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**RUSSELL STONE** (*Nathan* 77), b. Feb. 1, 1848, in Heath, Mass. He learned the carpenter trade and worked at contracting and jobbing for about twenty-five years. He then bought a small country store in Heath, was justice of the peace and for eight years postmaster. He then went to Charlemont and was manager of the co-operative grain store there, which he finally bought out and ran for himself for three years. Since that time he has worked somewhat at his trade and also in a wood-working mill. He is

an independent in politics, has been a deacon in the Congregational Church, and is a Free Mason and Odd Fellow.

He m. Oct. 4, 1869, Adeline H. Hillman, b. Feb. 7, 1852; dau. of Henry and Margaret (Warner). Children:

- i. EFFIE IRENE, b. Nov. 12, 1876; d. June 18, 1887.
- ii. CLOIE ADELIA, b. Nov. 19, 1879; m. Aug. 27, 1896, at Heath, George L. Mayhew, a farmer, b. July 3, 1868; son of Marcus W. and Emma C. (Thompson). Children: 1. *Mark Russell*, b. June 15, 1897. 2. *Lyman Henry*, b. Jan. 1, 1905. Lives at East Charlemont.
- iii. HENRY RUSSELL, b. Mar. 1, 1882; d. Aug. 19, 1891.
- iv. HERBERT NATHAN, b. Jan. 2, 1884; m. Jan. 12, 1910, Flossie L. Turner, b. Apr. 24, 1886; dau. of Frederick A. and Ida A. (Hicks). He is a machinist at Millers Falls, Mass.

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GEORGE MARCUS (*George Franklin* 78), b. in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 18, 1859. His mother finds a happy home with him where she is most welcome. He runs his mother's farm in Phillipston, and is also in the poultry business. He was one of the promoters of the first annual fair held in 1912 at Phillipston and was its secretary. He and his wife were very active in making it a success. He took one of the poultry prizes and other prizes on garden products. Mrs. Chaffin also took prizes.

He m. in Phillipston, Mass., Apr. 11, 1882, Mary Ross Fuller, b. Oct. 9, 1861; dau. of Merrill D and Lucy A. No children.

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HENRY ALBERT (*Louis Rice* 79), b. Apr. 19, 1839, in La Harpe, Ill.; d. Nov. 22, 1901, at Circleville, Utah; m. 1st, Harriet Keatz. Child:

- i. WYONA, b. 1861.

He m. 2d, Jan. 17, 1869, Leatha Jane Crow, b. May 28, 1852, in Long Valley, Col. Children:

- ii. MARY ADELIA, b. July 25, 1870, in Clover, Nev.; d. Sept. 25, 1886, at Mill Creek, Utah.

- iii. LOUIS HENRY, b. Apr. 4, 1872, in Clover; d. May 4, 1872.
- 220 iv. JOHN WALTER, b. May 4, 1873, in Cedar, Col.
- v. WILLIAM OSCAR, b. Jan. 20, 1874, in Cedar, Col.; d. June 28, 1908, at Woodville, Idaho.
- vi. LEATHA ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 13, 1878, at Gunlock, Utah; m. Sept. 24, 1896, William Joseph Watts, b. Feb. 27, 1871, at Paragonah, Utah, and had 1. *Joseph Albert*, b. Feb. 18, 1898, at Paragonah. 2. *William Lafayette*, b. Apr. 12, 1903; d. Dec. 1, 1910, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. 3. *Elfonda Mary*, b. Jan. 6, 1906, at Woodville, Idaho.
- vii. MINERVA ANN, b. Apr. 29, 1880, at Gunlock; m. Oct. 11, 1900, Clifton S. Stewart, b. Mar. 27, 1874, in Richfield, Utah, and had 1. *Clifton Browning*, b. Nov. 9, 1901, in Circleville, Utah. 2. *Myrtle Jane*, b. Mar. 9, 1903, at Circleville. 3. *Leatha Viola*, b. Dec. 29, 1904, at Ammon, Ia. 4. *Carlyle William*, b. June 21, 1908, at Woodville, Ia. 5. *Harold Lavon*, b. Apr. 13, 1910, at Woodville.
- viii. HENRY LAFAYETTE, b. Jan. 1, 1883, in Farmington, Utah.
- ix. LILLY MAY, b. Dec. 4, 1884, at Mill Creek, Utah; m. Apr. 7, 1904, Henry Elmer Gifford, b. Jan. 6, 1884, at Hooper, Utah, and had 1. *Naomi May*, b. Jan. 16, 1906, at Woodville, Idaho. 2. *George Henry*, b. Jan. 22, 1908. 3. *Dorothy Wanetta*, b. Nov. 30, 1909, both at Woodville.
- x. FLORENCE ELLEN, b. June 20, 1886, at Mill Creek, Utah; m. Nov. 5, 1903, George Alvin Gifford, b. Nov. 24, 1881, at Joseph City, Utah. Children, b. at Woodville: 1. *Louisa Jane*, b. July, 1905. 2. *Thelma*, b. Sept. 23, 1906. 3. *Elzada Ann*, b. June 10, 1908. 4. *Denzel Lamond*, b. Aug. 23, 1910.
- xi. MYRTLE, b. Oct. 15, 1888, in Circleville.
- xii. EDWIN RICE, b. June 16, 1890, in Circleville.
- xiii. LAMOND, b. Sept. 6, 1892, in Circleville.

DARWIN EPAPHRODITUS (*Louis Rice* 79), b. May 6, 1842; d. Nov. 4, 1910. A farmer; a prominent man in the community where he lived in Utah, holding such positions as city

councilman, school trustee, judge of election, etc. He was distinguished for honesty, industry, integrity and ability. Darwin m. Oct. 23, 1861, Elizabeth V. Wilson, b. Nov. 15, 1844, in Nauvoo, Ill.; dau. of Whitford G. and Mary (Shean). Children:

- 221    i. ROSELLA, b. July 29, 1862; d. Sept. 12, 1863.
- ii. GEORGE R., b. Oct. 30, 1864.
- iii. RUMINA E., b. Nov. 3, 1866; m. Dec. 18, 1889, James H. Robinson, b. Nov. 8, 1865. Children: 1. *Henry Harold*, b. Feb. 3, 1891; m. Apr. 6, 1910, Hazel Thatcher and had Dolores Robinson, b. Jan. 27, 1911. 2. *Edward Chaffin*, b. Aug. 30, 1892. 3. *Alta*, b. Feb. 22, 1894. 4. *Sherman Chaffin*, b. Apr. 27, 1896. 5. *Milton Gilbert*, b. Jan. 24, 1898. 6. *Darwin Glen*, b. Oct. 7, 1899. 7. *Preston Oliver*, b. June 25, 1903. 8. *Lottie Afton*, b. Jan. 31, 1907. 9. *Naomi Rumina*, b. Mar. 29, 1909.
- iv. LOUIS RICE, b. Nov. 2, 1869, d. the same day.
- v. LOTTIE A., b. Feb. 8, 1872; d. Feb. 12, 1906; m. Dec. 14, 1898, John W. James, b. Jan. 5, 1870. Children: 1. *Victoria Louise*, b. Nov. 18, 1899. 2. *Lottie Lucille*, b. Mar. 26, 1903. 3. *Rubon Chaffin*, b. Feb. 12, 1906.
- 222    vi. DARWIN E., b. Nov. 16, 1874.
- vii. MARYETTA, b. Oct. 25, 1879, d. same day.
- viii. JOSEPH F., b. Mar. 25, 1882.

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GEORGE EDWIN (*Louis Rice* 79), b. Sept. 3, 1845, at La Harpe, Ill.; d. Apr. 2, 1899, at Bitter Springs, Utah; m. Aug. 25, 1872, at Beaver, Utah, Maria Jane Wade, b. Jan. 15, 1856; d. Feb. 22, 1896, at Teasdale; dau. of Moses and Mary K. (Armstrong). Children:

- 223    i. LOUIS MOSES, b. Apr. 26, 1874, at Adamsville, Utah.
- ii. MARY MARIA, b. Mar. 26, 1876, at Adamsville, Utah; m. Dec. 31, 1896, at Teasdale, Utah, Hyrum Williams. Children, all except Nellie b. at Teasdale: 1. *Cora Jane*, b. Nov. 24, 1897. 2. *Nellie Adell*, b. May 4, 1899, at Drewsey, Ore. 3. *Vila*, b. Mar. 2, 1901. 4. *Grace*, b. June 6, 1902; d. Aug., 1904. 5. *Mary Beatriss*, b. Nov. 19, 1903. 6. *Hyrum Arthur*, b.



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Oct. 19, 1905. 7. *Glen Chaffin*, b. July 24, 1907. 8. *George Sevester*, b. Apr. 12, 1909.

- iii. **GEORGE HENRY**, b. Sept. 1, 1878, at Adamsville.
- iv. **ELEANOR JANE**, b. Feb. 14, 1881, at Millersville, Utah; m. Feb. 14, 1900, at Drewsey, Ore., Oscar Sheppard. Children, b. at Drewsey: 1. *Ned*, b. Jan. 29, 1901. 2. *Mildred*, b. Feb. 27, 1903.
- v. **ARTHUR LAFAYETTE**, b. Feb. 13, 1884, at Cedar City, Utah.
- vi. **CHARLES WADE**, b. July 1, 1892, at Teasdale.
- vii. **WILLIAM PEAL**, b. Oct. 6, 1894, at Teasdale.

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**JOHN RICE** (*Louis Rice* 79), b. in St. Louis, Mo., July 17, 1849; m. June 16, 1880, Ellen Jane Murie. Children:

- i. **MARY ELLEN**, b. at Cedar City, Utah, July 31, 1881; d. Dec. 7, 1883.
- 224 ii. **JOHN LEONARD**, b. at Cedar City, Sept. 23, 1883; d. Oct. 8, 1905, at Idaho Falls.
- iii. **MELVIN HUNTER**, b. at Cedar City, Feb. 22, 1886.
- iv. **SARAH**, b. at Cedar City, Aug. 3, 1888; m. Feb. 26, 1908, Arthur Thomas Woffenden, b. Sept. 22, 1881, in Hoyland Common, Eng. They had 1. *Arthur John*, b. Mar. 2, 1909, at Idaho Falls. 2. *Ina*, b. June 25, 1911.
- v. **ORNEALO**, b. Mar. 5, 1892, in Cedar City.
- vi. **CARLISLE**, b. May 26, 1894, in Cedar City.
- vii. **CLIO**, b. July 24, 1896, in Cedar City; d. Oct. of same year.
- viii. **LEONA**, b. Apr. 1, 1899, in Cedar City.

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**CHARLES E.** (*Edwin* 80), b. in St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 7, 1849, but removed to Newton, Mass., when two years old, attended public school and Fiske's private school at Newton Centre and Woodbury's at Auburndale. He began a business career in the furnishing store of John C. Chaffin, Boston. He retired from active business in about twenty-one years because of poor health, and bought a farm in Sherborn, Mass., in Sept., 1883; removed to Worcester, 1878. In politics he is a Republican, but no office

seeker; a Baptist in religion, and chairman of the standing committee of his church. He is a member of the Melrose Commandery, Golden Cross; honorary member of the corporation of the People's Saving Bank of Worcester; member of Commonwealth Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., of Dorchester, Mass., and registered member of Ridgely Lodge No. 112, I. O. O. F., Worcester. He m. Nov. 21, 1878, Emma C. Grant of Boston, b. June 7, 1856; dau. of Jott and Sarah (Albee). Children:

225 i. EDWIN GRANT, b. Sept. 14, 1879, in Boston.  
 ii. SARAH GORDON, b. Apr. 14, 1882, in Melrose; d. Nov. 20, 1902.  
 iii. EMMA MARIA, b. Oct. 22, 1885, in Sherborn; attended Worcester High School and Miss Kimball's school for girls.

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GEORGE ALBERT (*Edwin* 80), b. Sept. 13, 1853, in Newton, Mass.; present residence Malden; m. June 5, 1878, Catherine Ruffe of Boston, b. Sept. 25, 1857; dau. of John Thomas of London, Eng., and Mary (Fay) Ruffe of Glasgow, Scotland. Child:

i. LOUISE GORE, b. May 9, 1879, in Waltham, Mass.; m. Oct. 30, 1901, Capt. William R. Smedberg, Jr., of the U. S. A., son of Col. W. R. and Frances Howard (Raymond). They have children: 1. *William Renwick*, b. Sept. 28, 1902, in Arizona. 2. *Converse Chaffin*, b. Jan. 11, 1904, in Jolo, P. I. 3. *George Chaffin*, b. July 25, 1907, in San Francisco.

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GEORGE MARTIN (*Samuel Evans* 82), b. Dec. 31, 1842, at East Troy, Wis., and d. at Riverside, Cal., Feb. 11, 1909. He followed the occupation of farming the greater part of his life to 1885. He then engaged in the mercantile business at East Troy, and in Emporia, Kan., until his health failed, a few years before his death. He m. 1st, Olive Loomis, July 14, 1870. She d. Dec. 17, 1874, and he m. 2d, Jan. 12, 1887, Martha Stewart; dau. of Benjamin and Martha (Holmes). One child:



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i. **IRENE**, b. Dec. 17, 1887; m. Dec. 16, 1906, Arthur Silvers, and they reside at Needles, Cal.

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**AMOS POLLARD** (*Samuel Evans 82*), b. at East Troy, Wis., Oct. 24, 1844; d. at Mukwanago, Wis., Aug. 15, 1885; m. Mar. 8, 1870, Isabelle Smart, dau. of Robert. Children:

- i. **CLIFFORD S.**, b. Aug. 8, 1877.
- ii. **LUELLA**, b. Mar. 6, 1879; d. Apr. 2, 1881.

Clifford S. and his mother reside on the farm at East Troy, where his father carried on the business of farming until his death.

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**LORENZO FARLEY** (*Samuel Evans 82*), b. at East Troy, Wis., May 16, 1846. Since 1869 he has engaged in farming, residing at Montevideo, Minn. He m. Aug. 19, 1875, Susan Clark. Children:

- i. **AARON WILDER**, b. Nov. 6, 1876.
- ii. **HOMER EUGENE**, b. Nov. 21, 1879.
- iii. **DAISY ELMIRA**, b. Jan. 2, 1883; d. June 22, 1903.

Aaron and Homer are farming at the present time in Western Canada.

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**EUGENE WILDER** (*Samuel Evans 82*), b. Nov. 1, 1852, at East Troy, Wis.; was graduated from the University of Wisconsin June 17, 1875, with the degree of LL. B.; began the practice of law at Waukesha, Wis., in 1876; in 1877 he was elected police justice and held the office for eight years; was a member of the school board and of the library board of the city of Waukesha.

He became a member of the M. E. Church in 1877. In 1867 he joined the Order of Good Templars and was Grand Chief Templar of Wisconsin, 1886-1890, and of Illinois 1904-1905, and was a member of the Sons of Temperance and Temple of Honor; is an Odd Fellow and Forester, and was a charter member of the famous "Phantom Club" of Milwaukee, Wis. He was a Republican until 1881, when he became a Party Prohibitionist; was a candidate for

Congress in Wisconsin, 1882, and in Illinois in 1902, and in Arizona in 1910. He was a candidate for Attorney General of Wisconsin in 1886 and 1900, and of Illinois in 1904; for Governor of Wisconsin in 1898, and for President of the United States in 1908, and for the latter office received more than a quarter of a million votes. He made more than 500 speeches in the campaign of 1908.

After practicing law at Waukesha more than twenty-five years, on Oct. 1, 1901, he removed to Chicago, Ill., to be superintendent of the Washingtonian Home, where in two years and seven months he had under his care more than 3000 drunkards. In Oct., 1909, his family removed to Arizona, and now (1912) they reside at Tucson.

In Dec., 1910, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of Senator Robert M. LaFollette, who was a classmate when they were boys. He was a delegate to the National Prohibition Convention in 1884 and to every one since. He has given his entire time to platform work for the party and for Chautauquas since 1904.

His published books are "The Voter's Handbook," 1876; "Chafin's Lives of the Presidents," 1896; "Lincoln, the Man of Sorrow," 1908. His published lectures are "The Church and the School"; "One Standard of Morals"; and "Government by Political Parties." More than half a million copies of the lectures have been printed. His biography is given in "Who's Who in America," and in "Men and Women of America."

He is the most prominent and best known member of the Chaffin family of America. He has for many years been earnestly devoted to the cause of temperance, consecrating to it his time and talents, and has made it his life work. His ability as a public speaker has been recognized by the press notices of his lectures which highly praise his oratorical efforts. To the Chaffin family it is a matter of pardonable pride to know that they can claim as one of them a man who has been a candidate for the presidency of the U. S. He has now (July 12, 1912) been renominated for a second time and promises "not to run for a *third term!*"

He m. Nov. 24, 1881, Carrie Armilla Hunkins, b. Nov. 23, 1855;



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dau. of Hazen H. and Aurelia (Scagel), dau. of George Scagel, a member of the Constitutional Convention of Wisconsin of 1848. Children:

- i. LUCILE, b. Feb. 22, 1884, and d. the same day.
- ii. DESDEMONA, b. Mar. 17, 1893; now (1912) attending the Arizona State University.

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**JOHN PETTS** (*Samuel Evans* 82), b. at East Troy, Wis., Mar. 8, 1858. He received a common school education, and for a time followed the occupation of a traveling salesman. In 1885 he went to East Troy Village and engaged in the hardware business, which he conducted until 1892. At that time he, with others, organized the State Bank of East Troy, and was its cashier until 1911, when he was promoted to the presidency. In addition to the banking business he owns and operates the farm of two hundred acres which his father took from the government in 1837, the ownership of which has been continuously in the family ever since that time.

On Feb. 19, 1885, he m. Clara Shultis of Waukesha, Wis.; dau. of Norman and Caroline (Lampman).

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**GAYLORD GRAVES** (*Wilder Chamberlain* 83), b. at Mukwonago, Wis., Oct. 2, 1857; m. July 19, 1885, Helen McNaughton, b. Nov. 2, 1858; d. Sept. 20, 1886, dau. of Malcolm and Annie (Vanderpoole). Until 22 years old attended school and worked on the farm, and then started in the mercantile business in his native village and continued successfully in it for seven years. He then sold it and went to upper Michigan in the real estate business in which he did not succeed, but returned to Wisconsin and became a commercial traveler, but afterward returned to the mercantile business in his native town and was successful, but by endorsing a note for others again met with heavy loss. Recovering from that he started a successful business in Medford, Wis. Later he started a logging business but not successfully and

he then went to work again on the road, traveling, and has been very successful there, making Milwaukee his headquarters. Child:

i. HELEN MCNAUGHTON, b. July 7, 1886.

Gaylord m. 2d, Nov. 8, 1898, Catherine Slater, b. Dec. 7, 1870; dau. of Gernet and Fannie (Klomparens). Child:

ii. AMELIA PARTHENIA, b. Oct. 16, 1902.

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FRANK GRAVES (*Christopher Page Farley* 84), b. Dec. 24, 1850, at East Troy, Wis., where he d. June 2, 1891. He always resided on the farm where he was born. On Dec. 14, 1875, he m. Emma Sugden, b. Aug. 17, 1850; dau. of William and Sarah (Hardy), English people emigrating here in 1842. On Feb. 4, 1898, seven years after her first husband's death, she m. 2d, Asa Foster. Children:

i. RAY SUGDEN, b. Sept. 28, 1877; d. Mar. 7, 1899; m. Feb.

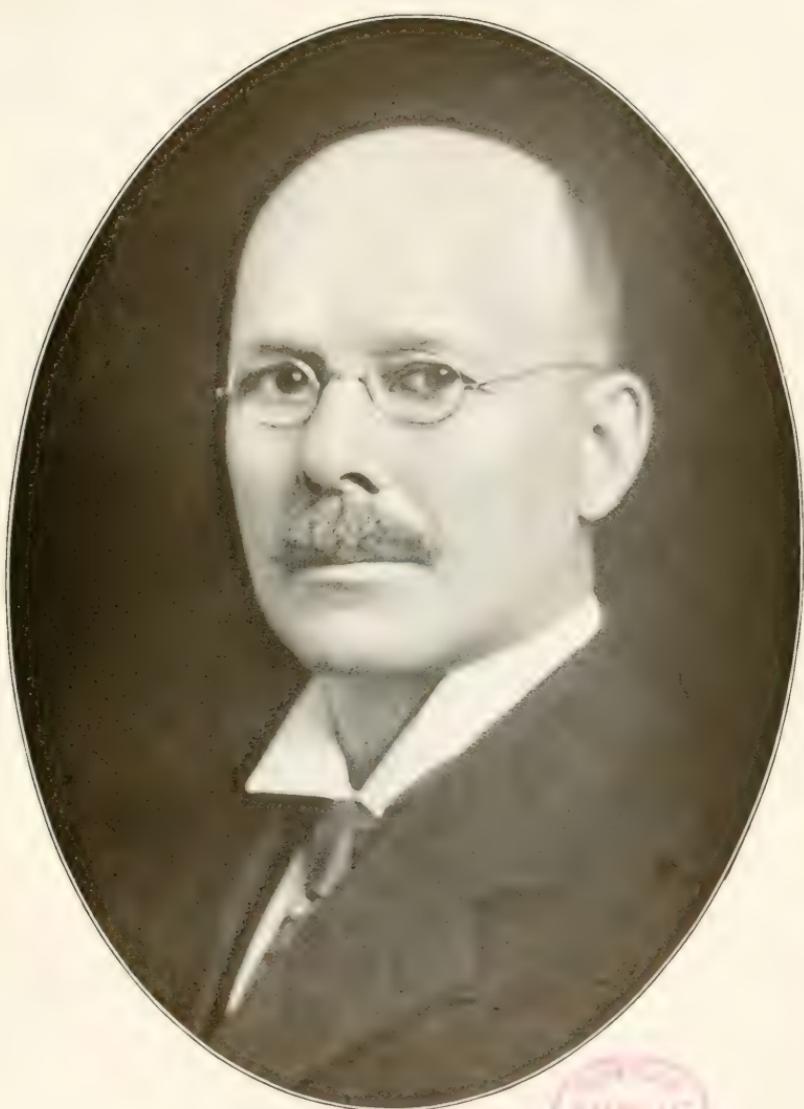
16, 1898, Delia Gertrude Flannigan, b. Oct. 4, 1877.

226 ii. HENRY HOWARD, b. Nov. 12, 1885.

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ORIN PENFIELD (*Orin* 87), b. in Windham, Me., July 4, 1836; a man of real enterprise and very versatile talents, who could do almost anything he set his hand to. The following sketch, condensed from his own personal statement to the author, verifies the remark just made. The author ventures the assertion that no other Chaffin ever took up so many kinds of business and had such a varied business experience.

Orin P. was left a fatherless boy at the age of sixteen, the oldest of seven children, whom he and his mother supported. He worked two years on a farm; then "a job on the river"; then worked on the Cumberland Canal; then in the woods, logging, etc.; then "worked on the pond and river"; then learned to make powder kegs for Goff & Linsey and was soon given charge of the business and held it about three years; then, to quote him, "I built a one-story and a half house, ell and stable, and thought I was about ready for



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a wife, and so at the age of 22 years I married Mary Manchester, and we started in for a little family." The keg business becoming slack, he went to buying lambs and cattle; then took to driving an ox-team; then at cattle and lambs again; then drove a butcher's cart; then back to farm work for a while; then worked for the Gambo Powder Co.; then back to the powder keg business; then stocked and conducted a grocery store in Portland, Me., but soon sold out; then enlisted in the Twelfth Maine Regt for one year as wagon master; after an honorable discharge returned home and made molasses barrels; then worked for the Massachusetts Powder Co.; then three years more at the powder keg business; then a year's spell at farming again; then bought a farm for himself at Windham Centre, but sold it in a year; then for two years was in the washing machine business, making what was called the Hall Washer; then back to the powder keg business, making kegs by the piece from the log; then bought a piece of land and built a half mile trotting park, fenced it in and had the county fair there, but sold it and then went back to his first love, the keg business, which seemed to have a great attraction for him, and was in it seven or eight years, meantime erecting a set of nice buildings in N. Windham; then went to farming again, raising sweet corn for a company of which he was agent for about three years; then for six or seven years in the wood and lumber business; then "I wanted something new," he said, and with two others he went into the ice business, but it proved a bad year for it and involved a loss of about \$20,000; then he went into the wood business again, but the company he was interested in dropped out of the business and left him with about 1800 cords of wood on his hands, and he never got enough out of it to pay for the cutting and hauling. In 1904 he struck into the horse business at Cumberland Mills with J. A. Trafton and continued in it about seven years, going to Chicago once a month and bringing home a carload of horses each time. At the time of going to Cumberland Mills he took charge of a hotel called the White House, and ran it at a profit about a year. He then went into the horse business with Jonas Edwards of Lewiston, Me., buying horses for him in the West, but after about eight months he went into company with Mr. Trafton again for two

years, but later went to buying horses for other parties, but finally had to quit business because of an accident received on his way home from Chicago two years previously. "I then," he writes, "returned to my former home at N. Windham, where I have remained ever since, occasionally trading a little but not to any extent." Can any other Chaffin show a more varied business experience?

On Feb. 28, 1859, Orin P. m. Mary Manchester, b. 1839; d. Nov. 1, 1871; dau. of Nahum and Lydia (Austin). Children:

227 i. **FRANK EUGENE**, b. 1859.  
 ii. **HENRY**, b. June 17, 1861; m. and had one boy, *Orin P. Henry* was a lumberman in Michigan.  
 iii. **WALTER**, b. July 7, 1863; d. Jan. 25, 1884.

Orin P. m. 2d, May 18, 1873, Mrs. Emma A. J. (Heath) Harris, b. Oct. 15, 1846; d. Sept. 5, 1901; dau. of Geo. E. and Berthena (Manchester). Children:

iv. **WINNIE**, b. Mar. 25, 1877; d. Oct. 19, 1880.  
 228 v. **ORIN LA FOREST**, b. Jan. 20, 1879.  
 vi. **GERALD BLAINE**, b. Feb. 18, 1883; d. Aug. 3, 1884.  
 vii. **ANGIE BOODY**, b. Jan. 12, 1886; m. Oct. 8, 1908, Reuben A. Packard, b. Mar. 15, 1882, and live in Portland, Me.

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**ROBERT GRANVILLE** (*Orin* 87), b. Apr. 8, 1847; d. July 14, 1881; lived and d. in North Windham, Me.; m. Jan. 9, 1866, Cornelia Griffin, b. Oct. 24, 1845; dau. of Capt. Tristam and Miranda (Winslow). Robert G.'s occupation was the raising and trading of fine bred horses. Child:

i. **GRACE MARION**, b. July 1, 1868; a clerk at Slattery's on Tremont street, opposite the Common, Boston.

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**JOHN P.** (*Orin* 87), b. in Naples, Me., July 25, 1848; d. in Pasadena, Cal., in a hospital, Oct. 14, 1908. Before going to Pasadena, in 1896, he was for seven years in the real estate business in Waltham, Mass., and while there helped to organize the



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American Waltham Manufacturing Co. for making bicycles, using the Waltham comit three ball bearing wheel. He was secretary and treasurer of this company. In 1896 he disposed of his interest in the Waltham Co. and went into the real estate business in Pasadena and Los Angeles. He was for awhile in the bicycle business there but finally disposed of it and devoted himself entirely to real estate. The firm of J. P. Chaffin & Sons included his sons Clifford G. and Ralph S. They also dealt in stocks and bonds, oil and mining, and were members of the board of trade. He and his wife and children joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mechanics Falls, Me., and he was ever afterwards an active promoter of the interests of that church, contributing liberally to it and to many worthy enterprises besides, and his hand was always open to the poor and needy. For several years he was a class leader in his church. He was a Prohibitionist and voted with the Prohibition party. On Feb. 9, 1873, he m. Clara A. Emery, b. in Gorham, Me., Sept. 23, 1850; dau. of Calvin and Rebecca A. (Warren). Children.

229 i. CLIFFORD G., b. Nov. 13, 1873, in Gorham, Me.; d. Apr. 10, 1909.  
ii. GERTRUDE E., b. Nov. 13, 1873, in Gorham, Me.; m. June 23, 1904, A. F. Reynolds, b. June 23, 1861, in Fountain, Ind. She was his 2d wife.  
230 iii. RALPH S., b. Mar. 9, 1879, in Maynard, Mass.

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GEORGE HILL (*Thomas Giles* 88), b. at Owosso, Mich., Nov. 23, 1854; had a variety of occupations until 1884, including farm work, school teaching, bookkeeping, book canvassing and traveling solicitor, meantime doing what he could by earnest and intelligent application to get an education, and so was able to graduate from the Law Department of the University of Michigan in 1884. Then, as he says, "I hung out my shingle as attorney and left it hanging about fifteen years, meantime lapsing into real estate and since 1899 have been engaged in various employments, including farming and life insurance." In 1905 he planted 800 acres of wheat in Alberta, a truly notable performance, showing exceptional enterprise and pluck on the part of the planter.

He m. Oct. 22, 1902, Charlotte Madden, b. Aug. 9, 1863; dau. of John Blagrave and Annie M. (Howell). Child:

- i. GEORGE SHERMAN, b. May 27, 1904.

## 166

JEROME (*Thomas Giles* 88), b. Apr. 19, 1862, at Middlebury, Mich., a most industrious, scientific and successful farmer in Wayne, Mich., who will never rest until he has his country home perfect in every detail. He m. Dec. 1, 1882, at Fenwick, Mich., Laura A. Root, b. in Orleans Co., N. Y., Oct. 19, 1865, her father b. in Germany and her mother in England. Children:

- i. IVA, b. Mar. 22, 1884, at Fenwick; m. June 5, 1907, Lloyd B. Langworthy, and lives in Detroit.
- ii. EVELINA, b. Nov. 28, 1906, at Rochester, Mich.

## 167

ROY LEVI (*Roscoe R.* 89), b. Apr. 20, 1881, in Bennington, Mich.; went to Albion College, then taught school for a year, but afterwards took up civil engineering and surveying, and later went to Spokane, Wash., where he became deputy in the Spokane Co. Engineer's office, and where he is now employed. Nov. 7, 1911, he m. Elizabeth Andrews of Spokane, b. Apr. 24, 1889, in Philadelphia, Pa.; dau. of Capt. George E. and Mary F. (Kirby) Andrews. Mrs. Chaffin was brought up at W. Palm Beach, Fla.

## 168

JOHN WALTER (*Robert Ross* 91), b. Feb. 10, 1872; m. Mar. 30, 1893, Pearl C. Youngblood of Nankin, O.; b. Feb. 29, 1876. Child:

- i. ELSIE MAE, b. Feb. 5, 1894.

John W. is a baker and resides in Applecreek, O.

## 169

IRA ERWIN (*Norman* 92), b. Aug. 18, 1868, in Orrville, O.; has given the writer of this sketch a detailed account of his life from which the following interesting quotations will be made.



J. P. CHAFFIN



Learning that Rev. W. L. Chaffin was working on this history, he writes his brother, "This is the first notice I ever received that there was a Rev. in the relationship. That accounts for me being so good. I left old Wayne Co., in Ohio, in Nov., 1887, and went to Vistula, Ind., and cut cord wood the first winter for my living. In the spring of 1888 I went to Uncle Hiram Chaffin's at Virden, Ill., and hired out as a farm hand for three months, when I was what the doctors call 'heat struck,' and had to quit work, and went to Raymore, Mo. Then I worked on a grading outfit in Kansas City until the fall of 1888, when I went to Marysville, Mo., and worked on a stock raising farm. About Christmas of the same year I worked on a grading outfit in southwest Dakota, grading for the B. & M. In May, 1889, I went to Denver, Col., and, work being scarce, I bought two blankets and hired out to work on the section at Nyssa, Idaho, and by paying \$2.00 was shipped to that place, which was in sage brush about five feet high, with a section house and water tank and no other houses in sight; and things looked pretty dreary and lonesome at \$1.40 per day, and \$4.50 per week for board. After breakfast with Biddy at the section house I signed the board order, which was necessary for her to get her pay from the R. R. Co. I then traveled all the way by foot to Baker City, Ore., where I received the position of stationary engineer in Bennett & Sons sawmill seven miles west of Baker City, at \$35.00 per month, which certainly looked big for me for twenty-six days' work, every Sunday off and nothing to do but fish, hunt deer in season, and hunt grouse, which were choice eating. I worked in this saw mill until they shut down for the winter, on account of snow, and when paid off I had \$135, which was more than I possessed at any one time in my life before. As I left home with only \$5.65 and had to buy my R. R. ticket for 200 miles, I now, with this \$135 in pocket, felt almost able to shake hands with John D., the oil magnate.

"In Jan., 1890, I went to Pocatello, Idaho, and got a job of the O. S. L. R. R., as hostler's helper, but on May 23 the company got hard up for firemen and sent me to Montpelier to fire on an extra list which lasted for about three years, when I received a regular engine in freight service. After eight years and four

months, on Sept. 10, 1898, I was promoted as an extra engineer. After a year and two months I got a regular engine in freight service, but on Nov. 18, 1909, I fell heir to a regular passenger run between Montpelier, Idaho, and Green River, Wyo., which I have up to date (Oct., 1911).

"I have built a nine-room house and have it all furnished, and have a small barn, a cow, and a horse for the benefit of my family and myself."

Ira Chaffin, who gives this interesting sketch of his experience, is a fine example of what an energetic, temperate, hardworking man who saves his cash and prudently invests it, can accomplish. He owns 160 acres of grazing land in Oregon and a town lot in Lake View.

On Jan. 3, 1895, he m. Amy Lee Wolford, of Denver Col., b. Apr. 18, 1878; dau. of Henry W. and Rachel R. Children:

- i. ORA MYRTLE, b. July 21, 1895.
- ii. IRIS FERN, b. Sept. 26, 1897.
- iii. ELVA CATHARINE, b. Nov. 13, 1900.
- iv. HELEN LEONA, b. Dec. 5, 1903.
- v. RACHAEL ANN, b. Apr. 5, 1906.
- vi. LOU ELLA DE' ORR, b. Dec. 26, 1909.

### 170

EMMETT ERNEST (*Norman* 92), b. Jan. 23, 1875; is an electrical and stationary engineer. He worked in Cleveland for several years. He now lives in Orrville, O., where he is stationary engineer for the Cleveland, Akron & Cincinnati R. R. Co. On June 11, 1893, he m. Millie Alverna Weimer, b. Feb. 23, 1876; dau. of Rev. Frederick and Juliana. Children:

- i. BEULA FERN, b. July 25, 1907.
- ii. RUTH FAYE, b. Dec. 17, 1909.
- iii. KATHRYN MAE, b. Dec. 17, 1909; d. Apr. 11, 1910.

### 171

CARL SHURZ (*Norman* 92), b. Jan. 30, 1883. He has spent his entire life on his father's farm. On Jan. 4, 1909, he m. Fannie Liechty, b. Jan. 2, 1883; dau. of Christian and Barbara. Child:

- i. NORMAN RAY, b. Mar. 27, 1911.

## 172

WILLIAM ALVA (*William Henry* 93), b. Oct. 20, 1865. He is a carpenter by trade and has worked at this business most of his time, although he spent some time on a farm. He lived several years in Illinois, but has lived most of the time in Wayne Co., O., and now resides in Orrville, where he is known as a first-class workman in his line. On Feb. 28, 1889, he m. Emma Ellen Bartschy, b. July 16, 1866; d. Jan. 17, 1908; dau. of Christian and Mary. Children:

- i. GRACE JAIRUS, b. Oct. 3, 1889; d. Mar. 15, 1910.
- ii. BLANCHE FERN, b. Oct. 13, 1891.
- iii. MERLE CLAIRE, b. Nov. 2, 1893.
- iv. EARLE B., b. Nov. 8, 1895; d. Aug. 11, 1896.

## 173

SIMON NELSON (*William Henry* 93), b. Mar. 17, 1878. He early lived on a farm but since leaving home in 1899 he has followed carpentering as a vocation. On June 25, 1899, he m. Mildred Levina LaChat, b. Mar. 25, 1877; dau. of Alexander and Mary of Maysville, O. They lived in Canton, O., from 1899 to 1903, and then located in Orrville, but now, and since 1908, residing in Akron, O., where he is a foreman for a building contractor.

## 174

WELLMAN F. (*Hiram W.* 94), b. Aug. 14, 1866, at Orrville, O. He studied medicine and pharmacy in Joliet, Ill., in 1886-87; graduated in Iowa City, receiving the degree of M. D., Mar., 1890; took a post-graduate course in Chicago, 1899, and has thus realized the controlling desire of his heart since childhood, to practice medicine and surgery. Two months after graduating he located in Raymore, Mo., and has practiced his profession there ever since with marked ability and success. He has been secretary three years and president two years of the Cass Co. Medical Society, and was delegate from Missouri to the World's Tuberculosis Congress in Washington, D. C., in 1908. He was one of the organizers of the bank in Raymore, treasurer for years of the local

school board, treasurer of the town and mayor for several years. On Nov. 27, 1891, he m. Clara A. Lightcap, b. Jan. 12, 1872; dau. of William A. and Elizabeth (Morrow). Children, all b. in Raymore, Mo.:

- i. DEAN W., b. June 10, 1894.
- ii. RALPH Wm., b. Sept. 25, 1895.
- iii. LESTER, b. Dec. 13, 1900.
- iv. ALLEN, b. Jan. 1, 1908.

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HARVEY H. (*Hiram W.* 94), b. Mar. 2, 1869, at Orrville, O. He is engaged in a large undertaking and furniture establishment at Virden, Ill., and besides being a successful business man, he is also a farmer. He m. Feb. 18, 1892, Emma M. Alderson, b. Mar. 20, 1874, near Virden. Children:

- i. LELAH, b. Apr. 26, 1893; m. May 10, 1911, Hershell H. Haynes. She died soon after marriage, June 16, 1911.
- ii. FAY, b. Sept. 11, 1894.
- iii. PEARL, b. Mar. 19, 1897.
- iv. INA, b. June 23, 1899.

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MERWIN (*Hiram W.* 94), b. Nov. 14, 1877, at Orrville, O.; m. Dec. 28, 1904, at Belle Plaine, Kan., Effie Dull, b. Mar. 10, 1884; dau. of Joseph and Sarah. He is a skilled electrical engineer of unusual ability and industry; lives in Caldwell, Kan., where he has charge of the city lighting plant. They have one child:

- i. MARGURITE VIRGINIA, b. Dec. 26, 1910.

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WILLARD SIMON (*Albert* 96), b. near Virden, Ill., Aug. 22, 1877. His early life spent on a farm. After mastering the studies taught in the district schools, he attended the Normal School at Smithville, O., graduating there in 1899, and later graduated from the Modern Commercial School of Cleveland, O., paying his way while getting his education by working summers on farms. Early



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in 1900 he was employed in the general offices of the Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. Co. in Canton, O. Later the offices were moved to Cleveland. After three years service with this company he was for several months employed in the office of the Winton Motor Carriage Co. in Cleveland. Then for a year he was in the office of the Kirk-Latty Mfg. Co. in the same city. Leaving there in Nov., 1904, he took charge of the Lorain Business College, Lorain, O., for Messrs. Short Bros. of Akron, O. Jan. 1, 1906, he took charge of the commercial department of the Hammell Business College, Akron, O., owned by the same parties. On Jan. 1, 1907, he entered the treasury department of the B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, where he has since been employed, now being head book-keeper. Mr. Willard S. Chaffin's penmanship is exquisite, and his business capacity of a high order. The author of this Chaffin history gratefully acknowledges his warm interest and invaluable assistance in collecting and forwarding to him very important data relating to the Wayne Co., O., Chaffin families.

On Dec. 25, 1904, he m. Della Melrose Fike of Smithville, O., b. July 7, 1880; dau. of George A. and Ida.

## 178

SCOTT E. (*Elmer Ellsworth* 97), b. June 15, 1882; left home in 1900, and for four years roamed over nearly all the Western States. Longing for a soldier's life, in May, 1904, he enlisted in the U. S. Army, intending to go to the Philippines, but mumps stepped in and held him back. He was assigned to Co. G, 28th Regt., U. S. Inf., was at Fort Snelling, Minn., from Nov. 1904, to Oct., 1906, when the regiment was ordered to Cuba, sailed Oct. 8, stayed on duty in Cuba until May 5, 1907, and was discharged May 21, 1907. Now a motorman in St. Paul, Minn.

He m. July 17, 1912, Mary Robertson, dau. of Charles and Anna M. (Martensen).

## 179

FRANK L. (*George W.* 98), b. Aug. 23, 1854, in Adams, N. Y. He went to Salt Lake City Aug. 4, 1884, and is a carpenter. He

m. Sept. 3, 1885, Sarah Isabella Gates, b. Oct. 3, 1856; d. Jan. 5, 1910; dau. of James Gates of Cincinnati, O. Children:

- i. CHARLES EDWIN, b. Feb. 13, 1889.
- ii. SARAH ISABELLA, b. Jan. 14, 1893.

## 180

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE (*Amos Smith* 99), b. in Rodman, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1852. Daniel T. has dropped one f in his name and writes it Chafin, perhaps liking the sound of this name better than that of Chaffin. He runs the Colonial Auto Livery and Garage Co. at 826-828 39th St., Chicago, Ill.

On Apr. 17, 1870, he m. Mary J. Mack, b. Oct. 8, 1850; dau. of John and Mary (Saurewine). Children:

- i. FLORENCE L., b. Nov. 3, 1881; m. Dec. 15, 1902, Eugene A. Logie.
- ii. FLOYD W., b. Nov. 25, 1882.
- iii. CARRIE MAY, b. Aug. 25, 1884; m. Oct. 8, 1902, Theodore G. Engleman.
- iv. ROY, b. Sept. 20, 1888; d. Feb. 13, 1889.

## 181

FRANK A. (*Amos Smith* 99), b. in Adams, N. Y., Mar. 11, 1855. He changed his name, which was Orrin A., to Frank A. Left home at about 20 years of age and worked in Chicago for about fifteen years for the Western Electric Co. In May, 1896, he was engaged by the Philadelphia Electric Equipment Co., and has been in that same business in Philadelphia ever since. He m. 1st, Oct., 1874, Mary Elliot, b. Oct., 1854. Child:

- i. LILIAN B., b. Sept. 15, 1875; m. Nov. 22, 1893, John Crandall, b. Apr. 5, 1870, live in Adams, N. Y., and have 1. *Aldro J.*, b. Aug. 30, 1895; d. Apr. 1, 1897. 2. *Mary A.*, b. Dec. 11, 1897. 3. *Vivian E.*, b. Jan. 10, 1900. 4. *Merritt T.*, b. July 5, 1901; d. Sept. 28, 1901. 5. *Aldro J.*, b. Jan. 22, 1907.

Frank A. m. 2d, Aug. 27, 1884, Marie Christine Jessen, b. Jan. 8, 1864, in Denmark, who came with her parents to Chicago when a little child.



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## 182

ORA GILBERT (*Gilbert F.* 100), b. Feb. 11, 1864; attended school in Adams, N. Y.; taught school for three years in Jefferson Co., then went to Michigan and lived for five years at Alma, where he found his wife. He has long lived in Detroit, where he has been employed as foreman in one of the largest factories in the city for the last twenty-two years; but he has had some other interests outside of his regular employment, and is a dealer in sawdust, shavings and kindling. He is prominent in the I. O. O. F. organization, and for the term ending July, 1910, was Chief Patriarch of the Ingersol Encampment, the largest in the world, and is now treasurer. On Apr. 17, 1889, he m. Nellie E. Hannah, b. Mar. 1, 1867; dau. of William A. & Caroline (Crane). Children:

- i. WILLIAM, b. May 27, 1891, and d. June 21 following.
- ii. EDWARD, b. May 22, 1893, is a stenographer in the office of the Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit.

## 183

GEORGE MONROE (*Gilbert F.* 100), b. Mar. 29, 1868; m. June 14, 1889, Emma Jane Frosh, b. Feb. 5, 1870; dau. of George A. and Mary (Disher). They live in Shepherd, Mich. He is a farmer. Children:

- i. ROY HARVEY, b. Apr. 1, 1891.
- ii. GRACE MARY, b. Feb. 23, 1894.

## 184

HARVEY TRUMAN (*Gilbert F.* 100), b. Nov. 25, 1872, in Lorraine, N. Y. Moved with parents in spring of 1889 to Alma, Mich., worked two years on a farm; then a teamster in Benton Harbor for a lumber company; then their head salesman and after being connected with them for over seventeen years, at their request, sold out the business to their satisfaction. He lived in Benton Harbor a few years longer; then on a farm for a year; then in Detroit for a year; then accepted the position of yard superintendent of the Randall Coal Co. in Flint, Mich., and has

held this position for three years. Notwithstanding reverses and sickness in his family he has provided well for them and is giving his children a good education.

On Sept. 12, 1894, he m. Blanche Crago, b. Nov. 10, 1876; dau. of Rev. Isaac T. and Martha. Children:

- i. HAROLD T., b. May 20, 1895.
- ii. GLADYS V., b. Sept. 17, 1900.

### 185

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN** (*William 101*), b. in Villenova, N. Y., May 24, 1859; d. Aug. 17, 1907; m. 1st, in Michigan, Mary Coonce (so his son Walter says), who lived only seven months after marriage. He then, Jan. 26, 1893, m. 2d, Mary Cottrell, b. Sept. 14, 1876; dau. of William and Hannah. After his father's death, in 1897, whose funeral he attended, he did not return to his home, but disappeared from sight, and it was finally assumed that he died. His widow m. Mr. Fred Robinson, and made a home for the two children named below. They live in St. Louis, Mich. In the probate record of the settlement of William Chaffin's estate, the son, William Franklin, is known as "Frank," and he probably went by that name. Children:

- i. WALTER CLARENCE, b. July 22, 1894; who, since 1905, has worked and clothed himself, going to school winters and is determined to get an education and shows character and spirit that mean final success.
- ii. EULA MAY, b. Oct. 20, 1896; and, lives with her mother and step-father.

### 186

**EDWIN E.** (*William 101*), b. Jan. 2, 1868; a carpenter, now living at South Dayton, N. Y. He m. Aug. 18, 1891, Anna Keller, b. in Germany July 14, 1868. Children:

- i. ROY, b. May 13, 1892; d. Aug. 16, 1892.
- ii. BERT A., b. May 1, 1893, now a blacksmith.
- iii. BERTHA A., b. Dec. 23, 1895.
- iv. BLANCH A., b. Apr. 8, 1900.
- v. MERLE E., b. Aug. 13, 1907.



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## 187

HOMER V. (*Volney W.* 104), b. in Ottawa, Ill., Sept. 8, 1861; d. Jan. 19, 1888; m. May 5, 1886, Augusta W. Klug, b. Feb. 11, 1866; dau. of Joseph and Marie. Homer was a farmer and lived in Lorraine, N. Y. Child:

i. BERTHA F., b. Feb. 3, 1887; m. June 16, 1909, Ralph McAdam Jones.

Mrs. Homer Chaffin m. 2d, Sept. 4, 1894, Jesse E. Jones, and they live in Utica, N. Y., and have 1. Jesse E., Jr., b. Oct. 10, 1898, and 2. Emerson Klug, b. Aug. 13, 1904.

## 188

JAMES LEANDER (*Orman* 109), b. Aug. 15, 1857; d. Dec. 2, 1908; m. Dec. 9, 1884, Mary Osborn. James was a farmer, but for some years he and his brother Frank operated a stone quarry and were contractors for street and road building and foundation work. Children:

231 i. WARD WARREN, b. Aug. 15, 1885; d. Aug. 6, 1895.  
 ii. FRED, b. July 6, 1887.  
 iii. KATHERINE, b. July 28, 1889.  
 iv. FAY, b. Aug. 27, 1894.  
 v. Ross, b. May 22, 1898.  
 vi. SHIRLEY, b. Apr. 4, 1901.

## 189

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (*Ormon* 109), b. Aug. 25, 1860; m. May 17, 1888, Lizzie Springer, b. Apr. 23, 1865; live in Kokomo, Ind. He is a farmer and contractor and operates a stone quarry. Children:

i. HAZEL, b. May 18, 1889; m. June 21, 1911, Byron Haynes, b. Dec. 8, 1887.  
 ii. VERLA M., b. Aug. 2, 1893.  
 iii. RUSSELL ALBERT, b. Jan. 11, 1896.

## 190

HOWARD WILLIAM (*Orman* 109), b. Sept. 2, 1869. After graduating from the high school he attended, 1894-98, "The Pea-

body Normal College," and the "University of Nashville," Tenn. He taught school from 1888 to 1901, but has since been a letter carrier in Kokomo, Ind. On Aug. 24, 1904, he m. Clara Bell Hopkins, b. Apr. 22, 1872; dau. of Alexander Campbell and Mary (Broadhurst); her father for many years being superintendent of Bible School work in Kentucky.

## 191

H. BRUCE (*John Milton 111*), b. Mar. 28, 1864. Has always been a farmer, was also a surveyor for sixteen years, and is now (1912), postmaster at Clay City, Ill., having his eldest daughter, Essie, as chief clerk. He m. 1st, Mar. 14, 1886, N. E. Brown, b. Aug. 1, 1865; d. Feb. 4, 1896. Children:

- i. ESSIE F., b. Dec. 28, 1886.
- ii. CLARA I., b. Oct. 3, 1889; d. March 11, 1891.
- iii. EARL L., b. March 25, and d. Nov. 14, 1892.
- iv. MARION B., b. Sept. 5, 1895; d. May 9, 1896.

He m. 2d, Dec. 6, 1899, M. E. Herron, b. Nov. 24, 1868; d. Sept. 28, 1903. No children.

He m. 3d, Mar. 19, 1908, M. E. Taylor, b. Nov. 19, 1879. Child:

- v. OLLIE MAY, b. Apr. 27, 1912.

## 192

H. CLARENCE (*John Milton 111*), b. Jan. 4, 1873; is a farmer and also a banker; cashier of the "Bank of Flora" in Flora, Ill.; m. Sept. 6, 1899, Olive Miller, b. Dec. 7, 1876; dau. of Dr. L. F. Miller. Child:

- i. CARROLL, b. June 15, 1902.

## 193

CHARLES (*Francis Marion 112*), b. May 1, 1864; m. June 29, 1884, Martha E. Widney. He lives in Eureka, Humboldt Co., Cal., and is in the employ of a milling Co. at Bucksport, Cal. Children:



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- i. MERLE, b. June 8, 1888.
- ii. CLAUDE, b. Oct. 31, 1890.

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WILLIAM H. (*Francis Marion* 112), b. Mar. 12, 1871; he is a farmer at Yorktown, Ia. He m. Dec. 6, 1898, Rosella P. McNutt, b. Apr. 13, 1873; dau. of Tobias and Rachel (Chesnut). Children:

- i. MELVA HELENE, b. Sept. 1, 1899.
- ii. ETHELYN, b. Jan. 18, 1904.
- iii. MANDEL ARLO, b. Dec. 30, 1908.

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JOHN LEANDER (*Reuben* 113), b. Mar. 20, 1871; now a rural mail carrier in Fresno, Cal.; m. June 30, 1903, Mrs. August Metzler, maiden name, Katie Rudolph, b. Sept. 27, 1871; dau. of Henry Rudolph. She d. Sept., 1911. Children:

- i. JOHN, b. July 20, 1904.
- ii. ARTHUR, b. May 6, 1907.
- iii. ROY, b. Aug. 7, 1909.

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GEORGE W. (*David Salladay* 115), b. Dec. 17, 1854, in Scioto Co., O. His father moved to Vinton, Ia., where he attended school and the Tilford Academy; taught school and worked on a farm until 22 years old; then moved to Lake City, Ia.; in Mar., 1882, took up government land in South Dakota and lived there eighteen years; then in 1901 moved to Santa Maria, Cal, and in 1905 moved to Ontario, Cal.; has been a farmer all these years and now has an orange ranch.

On Aug. 15, 1880, he m. Mrs. Mary (Lawyer) Fisk, b. Feb. 7, 1852; dau. of Peter Deton and Lydia (Laraway) Lawyer. Children:

- i. RAFE CHESTER, b. Aug. 16, 1882, a physician in Los Angeles, California.
- ii. JESSIE ALMA, b. Sept. 12, 1886, a bookkeeper and office clerk.

- iii. ADELBERT LAWYER, b. July 29, 1891, student in University of California, 1912.
- iv. MARIA, b. Jan. 4, 1894; d. May 6, 1894.
- v. GEORGE, b. Dec. 4, 1896, student in Chaffey High School, Ontario.

## 197

JOSEPH LEWIS (*David Salladay* 115), b. in Iowa, Feb. 12, 1856. He followed different occupations in Iowa, mainly farming. In 1897, he went to California, where he has since worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1882, he m. Stella Offenbach, a superior and lovable woman; a school teacher for a number of years, but for many years was of failing health, and d. in Cherokee, Ia., May, 1911.

## 198

SHADRACH (*William J. Worth* 116), b. June 17, 1876, in Scioto Co., O.; m. May 12, 1909, Ada Beckett, b. Mar. 1, 1884, in Tulare Co., Cal.; dau. of Eugene and Ella. Shadrach was "raised and brought up on a farm and followed farming until seven years ago, when he started working as a conductor for the Santa Barbara Street Railroad Co., which position he holds at the present time, June, 1912." One child:

- i. CLARENCE WILLIAM, b. Oct. 3, 1910, in Santa Barbara.

## 199

GEORGE W. (*William J. Worth* 116), b. Jan. 15, 1881, in Lyra, O.; moved with his parents, in Oct., 1899, to Santa Maria, Cal., where he now resides, and is a farmer. On Mar. 25, 1908, he m. Sarah Elvidge, b. Feb. 14, 1881; dau. of Joseph and Stella of England. Child:

- i. LELIA, b. Dec. 29, 1908.

## 200

ALBERT BYERS (*Phineas Bean* 117), b. July 20, 1851; lives in Portsmouth, O.; m. Feb. 10, 1884, Elizabeth Cooper, b. Jan. 11, 1850. He works in a shoe factory. Children:



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- i. ORIN ALBERT, b. Dec. 7, 1886; d. Sept. 17, 1911.
- ii. RACHEL LOUISA, b. Mar. 16, 1889.
- iii. PHINEAS B., b. Dec. 7, 1890.
- iv. JACOB J., b. Jan. 16, 1894.

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FRANK MOREY (*Phineas Bean* 117), b. July 27, 1865, at Franklin Furnace, O. Has lived for seven years in Henley, O.; a justice of the peace and an agent of the Norfolk & Western R. R.; m. Nov. 6, 1889, Drusilla Crabtree, b. June 2, 1868. Children:

- i. CLYDE GLENROY, b. Apr. 22, 1893.
- ii. ADA CLARE, b. July 28, 1895.
- iii. FOREST EVANS, b. Oct. 20, 1896.
- iv. JAMES ALFRED, b. July 13, 1898.
- v. LENA MARIE, b. June 16, 1901.
- vi. CHARLES GILBERT, b. Apr. 4, 1905; d. Feb. 28, 1908.

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CLARENCE (*William Brackett* 120), b. Feb. 22, 1867, at Los Angeles; m. Nov. 3, 1886, Georgia Lucas, b. Dec. 30, 1868, at Huntington, West Va., dau. of John Wesley and Sarah (Clark). He has lived in Huntington, in Clifton Forge, Va., Knoxville, Tenn., in 1901, and now lives in Bristol, Tenn. (1912). Children:

- i. CLARA MAGNOLIA, b. in Huntington Jan. 20, 1888; m. May 22, 1909, at Knoxville, Tenn., Edward Murray Cannon, b. Mar. 30, 1887, in Va., and have Nena Fae, b. July 5, 1910, and Edward Murray, b. May 7, 1912.
- ii. EVA MAE, b. Aug. 19, 1893, at H.; m. Sept. 12, 1909, William Almo Hux, b. Sept. 18, 1891, and have Vivian Mae, b. Sept. 14, 1910.
- iii. MABEL FAE, b. Nov. 22, 1895, at H.
- iv. STELLA VIRGINIA, b. May 22, 1898, at Clifton Forge, Va.
- v. WILLIAM CLARENCE LUCAS, b. Aug. 8, 1903, at Knoxville, Tenn.
- vi. ROY CLYDE, b. Mar. 18, 1905, at Kn.
- vii. FLETCHER ADAM, b. Mar. 12, 1910, at Kn.

WILLIAM (*William Brackett* 120), b. Sept. 16, 1868, at Angel's Camp, Cal. "At the age of 21 Mr. Chaffin was elected as a member of the Board of Aldermen to the city of Huntington, W. Va., and at the following election was elected City Assessor, he being the first Republican assessor elected in that city. At the expiration of his term of City Assessor he was appointed Judge of the City Court. He was very instrumental in building up the city of Huntington, where he lived for forty years. Since the first of May (1912) Judge Chaffin and family have taken up their residence in San Antonio, Tex., where he is now extensively engaged in the real estate business and practice of law, and where his three daughters are in school."

Mr. Chaffin m. at Ironton, O., Nov. 2, 1892, May Stanley, b. Oct. 30, 1874, at Bradrick, O.; dau. of B. K. Children, b. at Huntington, W. Va.:

- i. CLARENCE BRACKETT, b. Sept. 3, 1893.
- ii. CHLEO CAMILLE, b. Nov. 14, 1894. She is a member of the class of 1913 of the San Antonio High School and is preparing to enter a law school.
- iii. DEWEY CLARE, b. May 1, 1898.
- iv. BEULAH MAY, b. July 15, 1902.

WILLIAM H. (*Thomas Brackett* 121), b. June 20, 1867; m. May 6, 1896, Lydia Fistler, b. Mar. 2, 1865; dau. of Charles and Caroline of Germany. Chas. Fistler was a devout printer and for many years was in the employ of the Evangelical Publishing Co. of Cleveland, O., writing and translating religious hymns and poetry, and has children who are ministers and missionaries, one in India, one in California. William H. is a pattern maker, also a carpenter and builder, and resides in Portsmouth, O. Child:

- i. RUTH EVELYN, b. July 31, 1902.

SAMUEL JOEL (*Anson* 123), b. in Wyandot Co., O., Jan. 18, 1857; a photographer, living after marriage in Decatur, Ill.,

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ADELBERT SAWYER CHAFFIN





and moved from there to Trenton, Mo. He m. 1st, June 16, 1881, Sadie Patterson; they had no children. He m. 2d, in Napoleon, O., Dec. 18, 1884, Emma Higgins, b. Dec. 27, 1859, in Adams Co., O.; dau. of John and Elizabeth. Child:

i. NELLIE, b. Sept. 23, 1885; m. Nov. 2, 1903, in Hudson, N. Y., Dr. Herbert H. Hildred, b. in Napoleon, O., Mar. 19, 1882. They went through the public schools together. He practiced osteopathy and medicine a short time in Hudson and in 1904 located in Titusville, Pa.

Mrs. Samuel Joel Chaffin m. 2d, Aug. 20, 1907, Hon. W. B. Benedict of Titusville. He drilled for oil in 1859, the same year that Col. Drake began the original oil well. He was at one time treasurer of Warren Co., Pa., Mayor of Titusville, and a member of the Legislature, and drilled oil wells also until his death, which occurred Sept. 10, 1911.

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GEORGE TITUS (*Anson* 123), b. in Elmore, O., Apr. 13, 1858. He is a millwright, having learned the business in Blue Springs, Mo., where he worked four years, going from there to Independence, Mo., where he worked for nineteen years and married there, and then went to Stafford, where he worked in the mill six years, and then went to Emporia, Kan., in July, 1909. He is the inventor of "the Chafin Improved Bit," an augur bit. He m. Aug. 13, 1885, Bettie Ann Dillingham of Blue Springs, Mo., b. Oct. 19, 1860; dau. of Joseph and Mattie. Children, all b. in Independence, Mo.:

- i. ANSON J., b. July 10, 1886, a druggist; m. Oct. 26, 1909, Adelia May Hasting of Stafford, Kan., b. Dec. 30, 1888.
- ii. MILO EDGAR, b. Jan. 7, 1889; m. Dec. 23, 1911, Ruth M. Reynolds of Sabetha, Kan., b. in Salem, Neb., Nov. 10, 1896. He is a printer.
- iii. WILLIAM LEE, b. May 1, 1893.

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HARRY ALMY (*Henry* 126), b. June 3, 1860, in Boston, Mass.; m. Feb. 21, 1897, Laurena M. Drysdale, b. 1869; dau. of

James S. and Susan of East Boston, Mass. Harry A. is in the periodical business. Children:

- i. HARRY ALMY, b. May 12, 1907, in Chelsea, Mass.
- ii. LEWIS DRYSDALE, b. July 17, 1904. He is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin, being the son of Mrs. Stella D. Smith, Mrs. Chaffin's sister, who died at this child's birth. He bears his adopted parent's name.

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LEWIS GOULDING (*Lewis Goulding* 127), b. Jan. 25, 1865, in Worcester, Mass. He lives in Worcester and is a belt maker; m. Nov. 20, 1888, Eva Violetta Long, b. Aug. 26, 1866; dau. of Charles B. and Cordelia E. (Prescott). Child:

- i. VIOLA GERTRUDE, b. Nov. 30, 1891.

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GEORGE HENRY (*Nathan Larkin* 128), b. Nov. 4, 1849; m. Apr. 6, 1896, Florence Ada Irish, b. Apr. 23, 1850, in Manchester, Conn.; dau. of Joseph and Julia (Richardson). Live in Southbridge, Mass. He is a trustee and manager of real estate and does an extensive business. July 27, 1867, George H. enlisted in Co. G, 10th Regt., M. V. M., was made Corporal in 1871, Sergeant July 29, 1870; 2d Lieutenant, Aug. 4, 1875; 1st Lieutenant, Mar. 17, 1876. His company was transferred as Co. H. in the 6th Regt. and he was chosen Captain, Apr. 29, 1881, and elected Major, May 16, 1884, and Lt.-Colonel, Mar. 4, 1898, in which position he served in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and Porto Rico. He resigned his commission Aug. 5, 1898, and returned to Southbridge, where he now resides. He has lately been appointed Colonel by Gov. Foss.

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FRANCIS WARREN (*Nathan Larkin* 128), b. July 29, 1858, in Grafton, Mass.; m. June 30, 1896, in Southbridge, Amy J. Roy, b. Nov. 20, 1872; dau. of Joseph and Hannah F. (Warren). Francis W. is an engineer and lives in South Framingham, Mass. Child:

- i. WARREN LELAND, b. June 30, 1899.



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GEORGE WILLIAM (*William Franklin* 130), b. May 15, 1845, in Winhall, Vt.; m. at Searsburg, Vt., July 4, 1866, Lucie Maria Wheeler, dau. of George and Mary M.; b. Sept. 6, 1848. The compiler of this history will defy anyone to produce any Chaffin more maimed and mangled, or more brave and cheerful to bear painful misfortunes than the subject of this sketch; and this astonishing chapter of accidents is best narrated in his own words, and they are as follows:

“ George Wm. Chaffin’s Misfortunes and Blessings—and he is living still. While working in a furniture factory in Westhaven, Mich., where I went to set up machinery for D. M. Estey of Brattleboro, Vt., while running a moulding machine for rounding corners of panels for furniture, the board caught on a knife, throwing my hand onto the knives and tore my hand badly, taking off my middle finger from the left hand. In two weeks I was back again at work, the wounds not all healed, but doing well. In the fall of that same year my wife’s health required that she should return to Vermont. I then worked in furniture shops and as head-sawyer in mills as I found employment. In Aug., 1879, while tightening up a nut on a saw-harbor, the wrench slipped and my right arm was thrown on a circular saw, and cut so badly that I came near bleeding to death. But my hour was not yet.

“ In the winter of 1884, while running a circular saw, my glove caught on a set-screw and pulled out my thumb on my right hand, taking a cord ten inches long from the scar where the arm was cut with the big saw in 1879. The cord was so badly mangled at that time it was weakened and therefore broke, and otherwise I would have been drawn onto the saw, and all would soon have been over. In the year of 1891, while working for the Livermore Bros. in S. Londonderry, Vt., in a steam mill, in stepping over a shaft near a bridge-tree, the hem of my pants caught on a set-screw and wound me around, tightening and tearing my clothes. I threw my arms around the shaft to save my head, and the clothes gave way and I was landed on a wood pile about fifteen feet away, stripped of all my clothing except shoes and socks, one ear torn up from my head, the other torn down, but not clear off. I was

skinned as my clothes came off, so the blood just oozed out of the inner skin, no bones broken, but neck nearly so and just as black as though I had been hung. I could not hold up my head, only as I carried my chin in my hand. For several days I was nearly used up, but not quite; the Lord had more in store for me.\* On Apr. 28, 1898 I had another sad experience while working for Mr. Towles in Winhall, Vt. As I was running a moulding machine like the one I ran in Michigan, the board slipped on the pattern and threw my sleeve so that it caught on the knife and took my arm below into the machine and took out three inches of bone, so that I lost my left hand and part of my arm. I was in very poor health and was thought to be in consumption, but in twelve weeks I was up again and out, with a hook instead of a left hand, and I was mowing grass to feed my team. I then learned to be a crayon painter and a photographer, and have worked at that somewhat and keep busy, for I am ambitious to earn my bread and care for my family." Thus ends George W.'s graphic narrative. His pluck, enterprise, patience and cheerfulness in distressful circumstances, his determination to do his very best even with heavy odds against him, shed lustre on the Chaffin name and well illustrate the Chaffin motto "*Nil Desperandum.*" He went to California Mar. 13, 1904. Children of George William and Lucie:

232 i. FRANKLIN GEORGE, b. July 7, 1867.  
 ii. WILLIAM ALBERT, b. Aug. 13, 1872; d. July 10, 1897.  
 iii. KITTIE MINNIE, b. Apr. 16, 1874; d. Aug. 13, 1881, in Winhall, Vt.  
 iv. BERNARD ELBERT, b. Mar. 21, 1887. Lives at home (1911).

P. S. George William's hard luck still follows him. Since the above account was written he has fallen from a roof and seriously injured his wrist! What will next befall him?

ALBERT E. (*Winslow* 133), b. in Princeton, Mass., July 4,

\* The compiler of this book has a better opinion of the Lord than to make Him responsible for these painful mishaps. He does not believe in the Devil, but if he did he would regard such cruel happenings more in his line than in the Lord's. On second thought George W. will doubtlessly agree that want of care on his part rather than intention on the part of his Maker sufficiently accounts for these accidents.



COL. GEORGE H. CHAFFIN



1867; m. Aug. 15, 1886, Carrie J. Fenner, b. Mar. 10, 1868; dau. of Benjamin and Olive (Smith). He resides in Worcester and is shipping clerk for the Torrey Razor Co. of that place. Children:

- i. BERTRAND E., b. Aug. 1, 1887; d. Mar. 13, 1888.
- ii. MABEL L., b. Nov. 24, 1888; d. Feb. 14, 1889.
- iii. ISABELLA L., b. July 27, 1893.
- iv. WINSLOW E., b. Dec. 22, 1896.
- v. DOROTHY M., b. Jan. 1, 1905.

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GEORGE BANCROFT (*Alfred H.* 135), b. Nov. 14, 1847, in Worcester, Mass. He is a machinist employed by Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, Worcester. He was for about twelve years traveling salesman for a Boston firm for kitchen ware, etc. His wife conducts an employment agency in Worcester. George B. m. May 10, 1871, Regina Wilson, b. July 1, 1852, in Spencer, Mass. She is dau. of Amos and Maria. Child:

233 i. FRANK WILSON, b. Mar. 1, 1872, in Holden, Mass.

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CHARLES CHANDLER (*George Wilder* 138), b. in Washington Court House, Va., Jan. 27, 1875. He is office manager of the Cleveland, O., National Cash Register Company. He m. June 15, 1905, Frances Scott, of Jacksonville, Fla., b. Aug. 8, 1880; dau. of Archibald and Ida (Hogeland). Child:

- i. MARY SCOTT, b. Dec. 22, 1909.

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WENDEL WILSON (*George Wilder* 138), b. Jan. 19, 1879. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University, and is now with the Penn. Ry. Co. as a civil engineer, and lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. He m. June 29, 1906, Erla Tobias of Covington, O., b. May 15, 1881; dau. of Daniel W. and Hulda (Cassel). Children:

- i. WENDEL TOBIAS, b. Apr. 21, 1907.
- ii. CHARLOTTE, b. Apr. 17, 1910.

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WILLIAM ELMER (*John Willard* 139), b. Nov. 18, 1862. Graduated from Dartmouth College, 1886, with the degree of B. S. and received the degree of A. M. in 1894. Taught school until 1891; was elected superintendent of schools of Dennis, Chatham (Mass.) District, then of the Dennis, Yarmouth District. In 1909 he was elected to the Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury District; is a member of the Massachusetts Educational Council. He m. Oct. 3, 1893, at Dennis, Mass., Belle Howes, b. June 6, 1871; dau. of James F. and Sarah E. (Stone). She is of the ninth generation from Thomas Howes, who came to Dennis about 1639.

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CHARLES CHESTER (*Charles Rodney* 142), b. in Portland, Me., Mar. 2, 1885; m. May 28, 1910, Inez E. Blanchard, b. Oct. 27, 1884; dau. of Julius and Mittie (Joselyn). Child:

i. ANSON, b. and d. Mar. 20, 1911.

Charles is a clerk in the Maine Central R. R. office and lives in Rumford, Me.

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CLARENCE EUGENE (*Frank William* 143), b. Dec. 6, 1882, in Portland, Me. He completed a business college course in Portland, then was bookkeeper in the Westfield Braid Co., Westfield, Mass., and worked up to become a designer and acting superintendent, leaving in 1902 for the Warren Featherbone Co. of Three Oaks, Mich.; then transferred to their Middleville plant as assistant superintendent, and two years later gave up for his present position. He lives in Springfield, Mass., where he is superintendent of the Bay State Thread Works. He is a member of the Committee of the Social Department of the Young Men's Christian Association of Springfield.

Clarence m. June 23, 1908, Gertrude L. Billings, b. June 25, 1881; dau. of John M. and Fannie B. Graff. Child:

i. MAURICE MARSHALL, b. Aug. 21, 1909.

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HENRY WHEELER (*Abel Wheeler* 146), b. in Shelbyville, Ill., Jan. 21, 1876. He is a newspaper man; was editor of the "Derrick" in Strong City, Kan., for two years; then moved to Burlington, Kan., then to Garden City, holding in both places the position of foreman of the mechanical department on newspapers. Now (1912) lives in Hutchinson, Kan., and is foreman of the Hutchinson Daily Gazette "ad" rooms. He is president there of the Typographical Union, and represents that body in the Commercial Club. On June 22, 1904, he m. Mary Agnes Maloney, b. Aug. 12, 1883; dau. of Richard E. and Amelia (Ryan). Children:

- i. HELEN MARIE, b. May 22, 1905.
- ii. KATHRYN ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 26, 1906.
- iii. MARGARET LENORE, b. July 26, 1908.
- iv. AGNES BERNEDENE, b. Feb. 13, 1910; d. Apr. 14, 1911, on Good Friday and buried Easter Sunday at Strong City, Kan.
- v. HENRY EDWARD, b. Mar. 28, 1912.

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JOHN WALTER (*Henry Albert* 149), b. May 4, 1873, in Cedar, Colo.; m. Sept. 24, 1896, Sarah Louisa Collings, b. Apr. 28, 1876, in Monroe, Utah. Children:

- i. JOHN OSCAR, b. Feb. 28, 1897, in Circleville, Utah.
- ii. LOUIE MARALDA, b. May 20, 1898, in Circleville.
- iii. ALMA LEROY, b. Aug. 7, 1899, in Circleville.
- iv. LORENZO ADDISON, b. Nov. 4, 1900, in Circleville.
- v. ADA, b. Sept. 6, 1902, in Lincoln, Idaho; d. Sept. 4, 1904.
- vi. ORA MAY, b. July 10, 1904, in Lincoln.
- vii. ALVERDA ROSE, b. Jan. 15, 1906, in Lincoln.
- viii. CARL EDWIN, b. Oct. 18, 1908, in Lincoln.

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- ix. EDITH VERNONA, b. Apr. 10, 1909, in Lincoln.
- x. FREEDA IDELLA, b. Nov. 5, 1910, in Woodville.

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GEORGE R. (*Darwin Epaphroditus* 150), b. in Utah, Oct. 30, 1864; m. Apr. 15, 1891, Rose M. Walker, b. Mar. 25, 1870. Children:

- i. GEORGE LAWRENCE, b. June 1, 1892.
- ii. JENNIE MODENA, b. Sept. 9, 1894.
- iii. WILLIAM DARWIN, b. Apr. 11, 1897.
- iv. ANNIE, b. July 29, 1901.
- v. RUSSELL WALKER, b. Feb. 25, 1904.
- vi. LUCILLE, b. July 20, 1908.

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DARWIN E. (*Darwin Epaphroditus* 150), b. in Utah, Nov. 16, 1874; m. May 11, 1898, Eva Rockwood, b. Dec. 3, 1877. Lived in Farmington, Utah. Children:

- i. GLADYS ANNA, b. June 17, 1901.
- ii. VIRGINIA VICTORIA, b. Jan. 17, 1904.
- iii. EVA S., b. June 27, 1905.
- iv. WENDELL EDWARD, b. Sept. 3, 1910.

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LOUIS MOSES (*George Edwin* 151), b. Apr. 26, 1874, at Adamsville, Utah; m. June, 1897, Alice Bryan. Children, b. at Torry, Utah:

- i. HAZEL, b. June, 1898; d. Oct. 14, 1898.
- ii. FRAM L., b. Aug. 19, 1899.
- iii. BLANCHE, b. Sept. 18, 1900.
- iv. GWENDOLEN, b. Feb. 9, 1902.
- v. TWILA, b. Jan. 1, 1904.
- vi. KENNETH EUGENE, b. June 14, 1905.
- vii. CLELL BYRAN, b. May, 1907.

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JOHN LEONARD (*John Rice* 152), b. Sept. 23, 1883, at



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Cedar City, Utah; d. Oct. 8, 1905, at Idaho Falls, Idaho; m. in 1905, Cora Batty and had:

- i. ELLEN, b. Jan. 2, 1906, at Idaho Falls.

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**EDWIN GRANT** (*Charles E.* 153), b. Sept. 14, 1879, in Boston. He attended the public schools and Sherborn Academy; graduated at the Worcester Academy in 1898, and at the Polytechnic Institute in 1903; was instructor in the University School, Cleveland, Ohio, in manual training, machinery and foundry work. Also was instructor of manual training and manager of the Berkshire Hills Schools at Great Barrington, Mass. His summer residence is at Searsport, Me. He m. July 12, 1906, at Searsport, Me., Bess Adelaide Lombard, b. Mar. 7, 1883; dau. of D. O. Lombard. Children:

- i. CAROLINE FRANCES, b. June 16, 1907, at Belfast, Me.
- ii. GRANT LOMBARD, b. July 3, 1909, at Searsport, Me.

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**HENRY HOWARD** (*Frank Graves* 161), b. Nov. 12, 1885, in East Troy, Wis., on the old homestead of his grandfather, near Lake Beulah, near where Eugene W. Chafin was born, the Prohibition Party candidate for the U. S. presidency. His grandfather settled there in 1851, and the farm is now owned by himself and his mother. He attended high school in Elkhorn, a member of the class of 1904. In the spring of 1905, he engaged in commercial farming, and took up the breeding of pure stock in 1908, and has some finely bred Holsteins from famous stock. The farm is situated five miles north of Elkhorn and one mile from Lauderdale Lake, a famous summer resort for people from Chicago and other cities.

On Dec. 20, 1911, Mr. Chafin m. Fannie Bloodgood of White-water, Wis., b. Apr. 21, 1886, at Heart Prairie, Wis.; only dau. of Stephen Wylie and Mary Jane (Rumsey).

FRANK EUGENE (*Orin Penfield 162*), b. in Windham, Me., Feb. 14, 1859, left home at the age of 21 years and was seven years in a hotel, Portland, Me.; then for 18 years with Hiram Ricker & Sons, who kept a popular resort at Poland Springs, Me., a place of great natural beauty. Later Mr. Chaffin, finding it necessary, on account of his health, to live much out of doors, and being fond of horses and a good judge of them, went into the horse trade, buying and selling good horses. He m. Nov. 2, 1889, Alice S. Ryan, b. Aug. 8, 1866; dau. of Rev. G. W. and Eliza R. Rev. Mr. Ryan, was once pastor of the Baptist Church at Franklin, Mass. Children:

- i. MARY ISABELLE, b. Sept. 18, 1890.
- ii. FRANK EUGENE, b. May 7, 1894.
- iii. MARION ELIZABETH, b. May 14, 1901.
- iv. RUTH ALICE, b. Oct. 10, 1904.

Mary and Frank E. are both graduates of the Lewiston High School.

ORIN LA FOREST (*Orin Penfield 162*), b. Jan. 20, 1879, N. Windham, Me.; m. Apr. 14, 1909, Lena May Johnston of Greenwich Village, Mass., b. Jan. 1, 1882; d. May 19, 1911.

His work has always been in hotels, beginning at the famous Poland Spring House, Poland, Me., and was there for nine years; then with Hotel Green, Pasadena, Cal., for three seasons; then two years in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, and is now at the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, Cal. The satisfactory work he has done is shown by the length of time he has been in these best hotels. He is six feet, four inches tall and weighs two hundred and twenty pounds.

CLIFFORD G. (*John P. 164*), b. Nov. 13, 1873, in Gorham, Me.; d. Apr. 10, 1909, in Pasadena, Cal. He was with his father and brother in the real estate, stocks, insurance and mining business. He m. in Waltham, Mass., Nov. 13, 1894, on his 21st

birthday, Hattie M. Herrick of Wilton, N. H., b. Jan. 23, 1875; d. Feb. 27, 1902; dau. of Larkin and Sarah J. (Tenney). Children:

- i. MARION EMERY, b. July 11, 1898.
- ii. PHILIP BERNARD, b. Feb. 23, 1902.

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RALPH S. (*John P.* 164), b. in Maynard, Mass., Mar. 9, 1879. He went to Pasadena, Cal., in 1896, and became one of the firm of John P. Chaffin & Sons, in Pasadena, dealers in real estate, stocks and bonds, insurance and mining investments. Though his father is now dead, he conducts the business under its old firm name. Ralph m. May 21, 1903, Lida E. Doty, b. Dec. 3, 1881, in Cleveland, O.; dau. of Rhodolphus and Lois (Roper). Children:

- i. LIDA BERNICE, b. July 2, 1904.
- ii. JOHN R., b. Mar. 6, 1909.

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FRED (*James Leander* 188), b. July 6, 1887; m. Dec. 24, 1909, Mary Fern Hobson, b. Oct. 23, 1891. Child:

- i. DONALD LEE, b. Apr. 9, 1911.

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FRANKLIN GEORGE (*George William* 211), b. July 7, 1867, in Winhall, Vt. Received a common school education, then worked as machinist and steam engineer until 1902, and afterwards worked as carpenter in Wilmington, Vt. He then turned his attention to railroading and worked up to the position of passenger conductor. In March, 1904, he took his father and mother, who were then out of health, to California, to Long Beach and Colton, but they now live in Los Angeles, "where," as Mr. Chaffin writes, "we hope to spend the remainder of our lives, basking in the golden sunshine and breathing in deep of the salt laden air of the grand old Pacific Ocean." He is now in the employ of the Southern California Pacific R. R. Company,

as railroad conductor. He is also a photographer and a man of versatile talents and excellent business capacity, the owner of considerable real estate.

He m. Dec. 20, 1891, Julia Lucena Johnson, b. Jan. 25, 1873; dau. of Barney L. and Rhoda Jane (Irish). Child:

i. DARLTON ROYAL, b. Jan. 4, 1893.

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FRANK WILSON (*George Bancroft* 213), b. Mar. 1, 1872, at Holden, Mass. Mr. Chaffin is the leader and manager of the Worcester Brass Band, and is considered one of the finest cornetists in New England. His wife is an expert accompanist on the piano and plays alone for any occasion calling for first class piano music. Together Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin have an orchestra which has a fine reputation. It is a very musical family and their children are coming forward rapidly in the same line. He m. Mar. 14, 1895, Isabel Powers, b. Oct. 4, 1872, in Millbury, Mass.; dau. of David and Mary Scollay. Children born in Worcester, Mass.:

- i. RAYMOND POWERS, b. Oct. 12, 1895.
- ii. GEORGE BANCROFT, b. Dec. 25, 1902.
- iii. WILLIAM DAVID, b. Nov. 20, 1909.

The eldest son, Raymond, was a member of All Saints, Episcopal choir for six years, and is now studying the cello in Boston, preparing to play in his father's band. George is singing with the same choir.

## APPENDICES



## APPENDIX A

### THE CHAFFINS IN ENGLAND

The most important question concerning the Robert Chaffin family is that of its origin and antecedents. As the meagre history of the few Chaffins in New England prior to Robert's appearance did not reveal his parentage here, it was natural to look for it in England. The author therefore instituted inquiries in England to discover, if possible, the immediate ancestry and place of birth of Robert. While this search has not been successful it has brought to light much interesting information concerning the Chaffin race in the Old Country which the American inheritors of the name will be glad to learn about. The author was most fortunate at the start in forming an epistolary acquaintance with Thomas H. Chaffin, Esq., of Taunton, England, with whom he has been in constant correspondence for nearly a year. It is impossible to give adequate expression to our indebtedness to Thomas Chaffin. He has taken the liveliest and most intelligent interest in the subject, has been unwearied in his efforts to secure desired information, making careful investigations at considerable expense and conducting a large correspondence in England, and has transmitted to the author the results of his efforts by frequent letters, and the author, for himself and for the American Chaffins, hereby expresses his most grateful appreciation for the service he has rendered. We are glad to be able to present to our readers a picture of our English kinsman to whom we are so greatly indebted; the badges worn by him show him to have reached the most advanced position in the Masonic Order.

Thomas Chaffin is a member of the famous firm of John Chaffin and Sons, F.R.P.S., photograph artists, Taunton, England. The superior excellence and success of their workmanship may be inferred from the fact that the author has seen, on a single card, fifty photographs of medals awarded this firm from all the principal cities of Europe. Specimens of this work have been kindly

sent us by Mr. Chaffin and are in the highest style of photographic art.

It can hardly enter into the scope of this work to present the English Chaffin lines in detail, but some general information of interest may well be given. An English writer states that there are three families of Chaffin mentioned in "Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry," viz.: Chaffin or Chafin of Chettle, Co. Dorset, arms, Gu. a talbot pass, or; Chaffin or Saffin, Co. Somerset, arms, az. 3 estoiles of 8 points, each issuing from a crescent, or; Chaffin, Warminster, Wilts Co., arms, Gu, a talbot pass, or, a chief ermine. The name was spelled Cheffyn in the reign of Edw. I. The name has, however, been subject to considerable variation, the most common form being Chafyn, this being the form used in the church books in the parish of Mere, Co. Wilts, where the Chaffins were very numerous for several centuries. Six descents are given of them in the Visitation Book of that county in 1565, (2) Warminster, (3) Bulford, (4) Sealey's Clevedon. In the parish of Mere (5) of Mere, originally of Folks, Co. Dorset. The Chaffins of Chettle intermarried with Bampfyldes, Trenchards, Sturts, Penruddocks, etc. The southwest counties of England, Wilts, Dorset, Devon and Somerset seemed to be the natural habitat of the Chaffin race. County Wilts appears to have had many Chaffins in the sixteenth and following centuries. The author obtained a copy of the marriages, christenings and burials of persons named Chaffin (Chafyn) recorded in the church books at Mere, Dorset Co., from 1562 to 1687. Of christenings there were 28, of marriages 6, and of burials 31. He received from Thomas H. Chaffin, before spoken of, a copy of a pamphlet of over 100 pages entitled, "Notes on the History of Mere," which has many interesting accounts of Chaffins. For example, Thomas Chaffin had a grant of the parsonage and titles of Mere for sixty years. This was in 1533. But Lord Stourton obtained a later right to the same and forcibly seized Mr. Chaffin's sheep. On July 12, 1551, "servants of Lord Stourton armed with weapons entered the demesne lands of Mere and took prisoner Thomas Hopkins shepherd to Mr. Chafyn and carried him to Stourton House and kept him in prison some days. August 12th. They again went to the folds of Mr.



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Chafyn and took 240 sheep which they drove to Lord Stourton's grounds and by his command proclaimed them in the markets as strayers and still detained them. August 22nd. Lord Stourton attended by his men armed entered the demesne and drove out 1000 sheep of Chafyn's and impounded them. Mr. Chafyn served a replevy for their delivery, in spite of which they were detained. August 24th. Lord Stourton and his servants entered the barley fields and carried away 40 loads of barley and innyd it. They further threatened the sayde T. Chafyn at any time to slaye, kill and hurt hym, hys sonnes or servaunts if they were taken upon the sayd demesne lands." (*Wilts Arch. Mag.*, viii., 305.)

Two years after this Lord Stourton "caused a barne of Thomas Chaffyn to bee sett on fyre by iij of his servantes; agaynst which Chaffyn for that he sayed yt was not doon withowte the knowledge of the saide Lord Stourton or of some of his servantes, Lord Stourton tooke an action and recovered of him £100 damage for the payment of which he took owte of Chaffyn's pastures by force 1200 sheepe with the woll uppon their backes, all the oxen, kyne, horsses and mares that he coulde fynde in the said pastures." (Strype's *Historical Memorials*.)

One Dr. Thomas Chafyn was Vicar of Mere from 1630 to 1646. He was also Rector of Fovant, Co. Wilts. He was loyal to the King in the Cromwellian war. Walker, in his "*Sufferings of the Clergy*," says:

"This worthy Dr. was by the Oliverian Soldier dragged out of his House and barbarously Abused by one of the soldiers; who kick'd him brutally, and afterward forced him to Mount on a poor *Galled Horse's Back* without Saddle; and so in that disgraceful manner they carried him to Fisherton Prison, where he continued some few weeks; but finding him to grow Weaker, they sent him home; where, after a few days, he died with the Anguish of the aforesaid Grief; Plundering his House and Stable of all his Goods and Horses; leaving his Relict and Family in a Forlorn and Mean Condition."

Earlier than this, in 1556, Richard Chafyn was Vicar of Mere and served as such for thirty years. In 1583 William Chafin was Reeve, i.e., the person who had the supervision of the Commons,

and in 1584 Edward Chafin held the same office. In 1586 and 1587 William Chafyn was church warden at Mere and in 1610 Thomas Chafin, gent., was the same.

Several Chaffins of England have been members of Parliament. Bampfield Chafin, Esqr., was a member from Bridport and was "besieged by a small detachment of the Parliament Army in his own house at Folke, and taken prisoner. Died at Exeter in 1644." Leo Chaffin, Esqr., who died Sept. 7, 1766, represented the county of Dorset in Parliament for forty years, a man of great popularity. Thomas Chaffin, Esq., who commanded a troop of horse raised in Dorsetshire against Duke Monmouth, had a son, George, who was a M. P. for Dorsetshire. Rev. William Chaffin was Vicar of the parish church of St. Mary, Taunton, England, from 1756 to 1803. The author has a picture of a very distinguished looking person, William Chafyn, Sheriff of Co. Wilts, 1885. He also has a photograph of James Chaffin, who died May 9, 1911, who was three times Mayor of Bath, England, 1878-80.

All these facts go to show that the Chaffins were numerous and influential in the southwest of England for many years. They were known as far back as the reign of Edward I—1272-1307—and probably much earlier. They do not appear to be numerous now.

The following notes are worth adding: One of the earliest Chaffins, prior to 1498, was John Chafyne of Salisbury, Co. Wilts. In Hutchin's Dorset is this statement: "The family of Chaffin originally came out of Wiltshire. In the Visitation Book for 1563 there are six descendants of them given, some of Warminster, but most of them of Mere, both in Co. Wilts." In 1562, July 27, William Chaffyn married Mary Crouch. In 1632, May 29, Thomas Chaffin, D.D., Vicar of Mere, married Barbara Hyde at Hatch. At Salisbury (Wilts) Mr. Thomas Chaffin married Lady Hawkes. At Wareham (Dorset) Richard Chaffin, Aug. 1, 1639, married Audrey Checkford of St. Edmunds. July 8, 1643, Bampfield Chaffin, Esq., was buried in Exeter (Devon) Cathedral. He was of Dorsetshire. On July 14, 1658, "Mrs. Lady Chaffin of the Close married James Marsh of Grey's Inn, Esq." In the

“Visitation of Dorsetshire,” Thomas Chafin of Mere, married Joan Daccomb, date not given. In the same is an extract from of will of Sir John Horsey, dated Apr. 9, 1589, a gift to Thomas Chafin of “a ring of angel gold with this superscription, ‘Vita brevis, amicitia longa.’” In letters about the Regicides (Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll, Series 4, Vol. 8, p. 180) is this: “Westminster, October 23, 1661, Capt. Chaffin et als. were imprisoned in the Gate house, Westm. during trouble about the Regicides.”

Thomas Chaffin of Chettle was M. P. for Poole, Co. Dorset, from 1679 to 1687, and for Dorchester from 1699 to 1710. The last of the name in Chettle was the Rev. William Chaffin, an author, a son of George Chaffin, and had four brothers and six sisters. He was a keen sportsman. His hounds killed the last marten-cat known to be seen in the County of Dorset. He died in 1818.

The above notes, and many similar ones that might be quoted, show that formerly there were many Chaffins in England, chiefly in the southwestern counties. The name seems now to be uncommon in England. Several persons of the name, applied to for information by persons of the same name, were surprised to learn that there were any other Chaffins than themselves in the country. It is, therefore, noteworthy that whereas there are now few of the name in the mother country, the race is, as this book proves, very numerous in America. In the vegetable world transplanting often causes a largely increased growth, and so the transplanting of the Chaffin race from the Old World to the New has promoted its large increase here. May they maintain here in America the excellent character and standing that distinguished the family in England.



## APPENDIX B

### THE TRADITIONAL WELSH ORIGIN OF THE ROBERT CHAFFIN FAMILY

The tradition of the Welsh origin of the Robert Chaffin line entertained by early members of the family, and the assertion of a Tennessee Chaffin family that they had the same origin, seemed of sufficient importance to merit investigation. The author, therefore, through a Welsh newspaper, *The Drych*, published in Utica, N. Y., made this question the subject of inquiry. In the issue of July 25, 1912, a Welsh scholar, Rev. John Cadwallader of Oak Park, Ill., wrote a learned article in answer to this question. The first paragraph of this article is here presented for the edification of the reader.

#### ATEBIAD I YMHOIAD PROFF. APMADOC

Os cywir yw yr hyn a hysbyswyd i'r Parch. W. L. Chaffin, North Easton, Mass., sef ddarfod i'w henafiaid hanu o Gymru, mwy na thebyg ydyw i enw gwreiddiol ei deulu fyned drwy ychydig o gyfnewidiad yn nhreigliad amser o'i ffurf wreiddiol, er mwyn ei Seisnigeiddio, ac hefyd felly, ei wneyd yn hawsach ei ynganu i dafod y Sais. Tybiwn yn lled sier os mai o Gymru yr hanodd y teulu hwn ac mai Cymry gwreiddiol oedd ynt, mai eu henw oedd "Cyffin" neu fel yr ysgrifenid ef fynychaf yn yr hen amser "Kyffin." Os mai C yn lle K a arferai y teulu wrth ei ysgrifenu y pryd hwnw yr oedd yn hawdd i'r Sais gael ei arwain i dorfynyglu yr enw gan ei wneyd yn "Chaffin." Tardda yr enw "Cyffin" o "cyd-ffin," sef cyd-derfyn, neu derfyn rhwng dau le—rhwng dwy Sir, rhwng dau blwyf, neu rhwng dwy ffarm neu dyddyn, &c. Mae nifer o leoedd neu ardaloedd, a llawer o deuluoedd yn Nghymru yn cario yr enw hwn arnynt hyd y dydd heddyw. Gwyddom am un plwyf o'r enw "Cyffin" gerllaw Conwy, yn Sir Gaernarfon, ac yn y plwyf hwnw y ganwyd ac y magwyd John Gipson, y delweddyydd (sculptor) o enwogrwydd neillduol.

The reader will of course be greatly disappointed that he is not allowed to peruse the whole article as printed in the original. But he will perhaps forgive the author of this history if he is presented with a translation. This is accordingly given here. It was made by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of All Soul's Church, Chicago, Ill. The question was presented to the aforesaid Welsh newspaper of Prof. ApMADOC. The following is a translation of the reply:

AN ANSWER TO THE INQUIRY OF PROFESSOR APMADOC

If I am correct in my theory it is altogether probable that the Rev. W. L. Chaffin of North Easton, Mass., is justified in assuming that he is descended from a Welsh ancestry.\* It is altogether probable that the family name has passed through certain typical transformations in its passage from the original root form to its present Anglicised form, thereby making it more available to the tongue of the Englishman. I feel quite certain that the Cymric original of his name is Cyffin, or as it is more often written, Kyffin. It is quite according to the law of transmutation that it should become Chaffin. The name Kyffin springs from Cyd-fin, i.e., cyd-derfyn, the mid-limit, or between two shires, towns, farms or cabins, etc., etc. There are a number of places and towns and many families in Wales that carry this title to this day. I know of a town by the name of Cyffin, near Conway in Carnavonshire. In this town was born and raised the sculptor, John Gibson, of eminent fame.

I remember in my reading of coming across persons of eminence bearing the name of Cyffin, or Kyffin. In the year 1485 there was one Richard Cyffin, Dean of Bangor and Parson of Llanddwyn, in Anglesea. Again, Morris Cyffin was second son to Richard Cyffin, Esq., of Glasgoed, Llansilin of Sir Ddinbych. This was a gentleman much honored. In 1595 he published a Welsh translation of the work of Bishop Jewel, entitled "The Defence of the Faith of the English Church." He is represented as a literateur and bard of real power.

In 1571 one Rosser Cyffin was one of the notables of Arovonia

\*This is an error. Mr. Chaffin does not assume the Welsh origin; he merely mentions the tradition of such origin reported by others.

and the parson of Llanberis. Then there was Sir Thomas Cyffin from the family of Maenan near Llanrwst. He was attorney during the reign of Queen Ann. He died on the 20th of September, 1745, was buried at Llanddoged near Llanrwst where there is a monument to him.

There is an able contributor to the *Dysgeddyd* (the Educator) in the neighborhood of Llanfyllin by the name of Cyffin, who writes of the antiquities of his country, and I have no doubt but that this gentleman is conversant with the history of the Cyffins in the principalities, and the manner and the time of the emigration of some of them to America, particularly if some of them are found among the Welsh Quakers who emigrated to Philadelphia in the early days.

I also remember coming across an interesting family by the name of Kyffin in Denver, Colo., a few years ago. They had come from the neighborhood of Llangollen. They were a much respected and intelligent family and doubtless they could give some history of the Cyffins to the Rev. W. L. Chaffin. That is, if our theory of the transformation of the name is correct.

Such is the translation of the article in question. It would appear from it that the name Cyffin or Kyffin was the Welsh equivalent of Chaffin, and was not uncommon and had an honorable place in Wales and in Welsh history. By a regular law of linguistic transformation Cyffin or, as it was more often written, Kyffin, when Anglicised became Chaffin. This discussion shows the possibility that there may be some ground for the tradition in the Robert Chaffin family that it had a Welsh origin, but that is all. The subject, however, seemed to be of sufficient interest to be presented here.



## APPENDIX C

### THE EARLIEST CHAFFINS IN NEW ENGLAND

As Robert Chaffin, the first known ancestor of the family with which this history is chiefly concerned, is first seen in Concord, Mass., in 1719, at his wedding, it is natural to suppose that he sprang from one of the earlier Chaffin families of New England. But there is no evidence whatever that such was the case. No Robert appears among their children. The consideration of those first Chaffins is rendered very difficult by the confusion regarding their names. Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary considers them under the three names, Chaffee, Chaffin, Chaffy, and there are at least four other names applied to them. The earliest one of the name appears to be Matthew, who was made a freeman in Boston May 17, 1637; a ship carpenter; owner of a house in Boston, 1640; and later, paid a tax of sixpence a year on land on Long Island at Boston, 1648; bought and afterwards sold a farm in Newbury (see Suffolk Deeds). But as the records give him the name Chafie, Chaffie, Chafe, Chafey, Chaffe, besides the name of Chaffin, we may dismiss him from further notice. He evidently belonged to the Chaffee family—his wife was Sarah.

The next name to consider is David Chafine, so called as owner of “a house in the Comon” (Boston) “as early at 1665,” and “his relict since hath built.” She was “Lidiah Chafine,” and also called Cafine, 1681. The record of their children is as follows:

Sarah of David and Lydia Chapin, b. May 3, 1659.  
Hannah of David and Lydia Chappine, b. Oct. 23, 1661.  
Ebenezer of David and Lydia Chapin, b. Feb. 3, 1664.

The wife, “Liddia,” was excommunicated from the church in 1669. She d. Dec. 22, 1708. Almost undoubtedly this name was Chapin.

Next appears a Caleb, who in 1695 is taxed as Caleb Chaiffin

in Boston, and in 1698 as Calef Chafin, whose family record follows:

Hannah of Caleb and Sarah Chapin, b. Jan. 4, 1681.  
Lydia of Caleb and Sarah Chapin, b. Mar. 15, 1683.  
David of Caleb and Sarah Chafen, b. July 2, 1690.  
Ebenezer of Caleb and Sarah Chafin, b. Jan. 29, 1693.  
Caleb d. Feb. 14, 1693. He was unquestionably Chapin.

This brings us to Ebenezer, probably son of David above. He m. before 1690 Elizabeth, dau. of Nehemiah Adams of Boston. He was a resident of Boston. The following is his family record:

“Eliz. of Ebenezer & Eliza Chafein, b. Apr. 5, 1693.  
Mary of Ebenezer & Eliza Chapin, b. July 1, 1694.  
Eliza. dau of Ebin & Eliza Chapin, d. Aug. 23, 1694.  
Ruth, dau. of Ebenezer & Elizabeth Chafen, b. May 28, 1701.”

There is convincing reason that this also was Chapin, not Chaffin.

In 1662 and later there was a Josiah Chapin living in Braintree, Mass., a person of considerable importance, whose name is sometimes given as Chaffin, but only by misunderstanding. The same blundering occurs in the case of Thomas Chaffee of Hingham, Mass. The uncertainty regarding the names of these persons of early New England named in this notice and sometimes called Chaffin, has convinced the author that *our Robert was an emigrant and the first Chaffin to settle here.* To this conclusion he has come after a very thorough study of all the evidence bearing on the subject.

## APPENDIX D

### THE CHAFFIN FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

The author's original design in compiling this Chaffin History was to include only Robert Chaffin and his descendants, the family dating from about 1700, then living in Massachusetts. But he soon learned that another and very important Chaffin family started about the same time, located early in Virginia and spread thence, into the Southern and Western States. A tradition became current that the above named Robert and a brother John, landed together in America from England, one settling in Massachusetts, and the other, John, in Virginia. This tradition may represent the fact, but there is no evidence to substantiate it. Finding that the Virginia family was extensive and prominent, the author concluded to present a sketch of it, not an elaborate genealogy, as in the Robert Chaffin line, but at least an outline sketch with as much detail as his time allowed him to present. To collect material for the earlier members of this Virginia family was a much more difficult task than in the case of the Robert line, because the early Massachusetts public family records are incomparably superior to those of the State of Virginia.

For this reason the author is unable to give any connected account of the earliest Virginia Chaffins. He was told that the founder of the family was John, who settled in Middlesex County, but nothing definite further than this can be told here. For the other data, respecting early members of this family, the reader is indebted to Charles A. Flagg, of the Library of Congress, of Washington, D. C., a valued friend of the author, who most thoroughly and kindly searched both printed and manuscript records of the library bearing on the subject.

The first Chaffin he found was JOSHUA, who in Sept. 1758, received twelve shillings and six spence for damage done to a horse that was impressed from him for defence against the Indians; then in Lunenburg County. He may therefore have seen Indian fighting, as the stories related by descendants, will show

that other Chaffins did. This Joshua was one of the best known of the early Virginia Chaffins. He lived in Amelia County. He was a Revolutionary patriot and served as a *fifer*, receiving for his pay, £1, 3s and 4d per month. The Chaffins have always been a musical race, and with Joshua there served also a relative, perhaps a brother, JOHN CHAFFIN, who was a *drummer* and in the Revolutionary service also. It is interesting to picture these two patriots, John and Joshua, marching side by side to battle in Washington's army, wakening the echoes and rousing their comrade's spirits with fife and drum by the thrilling music of Yankee Doodle.

This Joshua was succeeded in Amelia County by another JOSHUA CHAFFIN, undoubtedly his son, who became very prominent in public affairs, and this speaks well for the eminence of the family in Virginia. In 1800, he is a trustee of Jefferson College, in Amelia County. In 1818, he was an incorporator of a company for the improvement of navigation. But earlier than this, in 1795, he was "appointed a trustee for the cleaning and improvement of Appomatox River." He was living as late as 1848, and at that time with others, he protested against the formation of another county out of Bedford, Campbell and Pittsylvania Counties.

Two soldiers of Washington's army, Joshua and John, have been mentioned. John served for three years and received a bounty for his service, and probably a grant of land. On Jan. 5, 1809, he married Elizabeth Booker, a bride a good deal younger than himself, b. Aug. 11, 1782; d. May 2, 1815. He was alive as late as 1830, for he then petitioned for the redemption of \$24.76 distrained from him for taxes on land.

The indications are that these Virginia Chaffins were most patriotic, for others are named as Revolutionary soldiers. ISHAM CHAFFIN enlisted on June 28, 1776, in Capt. John Morton's Company of the 4th Virginia Regulars, and was a pensioner as late as 1835 and perhaps later. CHRISTOPHER CHAFFIN did the same and he and Isham became Revolutionary pensioners, Christopher being alive in 1835. SOLOMON CHAFFIN is on record as a pensioner as late as 1830. In 1787, there were two others receiving land

grants, undoubtedly for service in the war for Independence, JOSEPH, who had a grant of 250 acres in Charlotte County and THOMAS, who had 190 acres.

The above makes a splendid record for the Virginia family, and doubtless there were others, who were in the Revolutionary service whose names are not on public records. This is evident because the family sketches that follow speak of Revolutionary ancestors whose names do not appear above.

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For the valuable sketches of branches of the Virginia Chaffin family that are here given, the author is mainly indebted to Mrs. Marie B. Forbrich of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the family. A sketch was promised and long expected from a prominent member of the family in Virginia, but who at a late hour, declined the work. No time was then left for as complete an account as was desirable. But learning of the situation, Mrs. Forbrich offered her services, which were eagerly and gratefully accepted by the author. With most commendable enthusiasm, ability and industry, she did her utmost, in the limited time at her disposal, to secure from such members of the Virginia family as she could learn of, some account of their respective family lines, and these she carefully remodeled for publication, and they are presented below. She desires that all Tennessee and Virginia Chaffins and all descendants of the Virginia family shall send her information regarding them, as she contemplates compiling a complete history of the Virginia family in the future, directing it care of Rev. W. L. Chaffin, North Easton, Mass.

In the short time that has been devoted to the Virginia line of the Chaffin family it has been impossible to trace back to the common ancestor, therefore, different branches of the family are given separately, viz:

#### THE OHIO BRANCH

SOLOMON and Catherine Chaffin, of Virginia, the former probably born about 1745, were the parents of five sons, viz:

*Second Generation*

Simon (not sure of name), lost track of on leaving Virginia.

John, lived and d. in Bainbridge, O.

Solomon, settled near Bainbridge, O.

Robert, went south, probably to Tennessee.

William, b. Sept. 2, 1775, in North Carolina; d. in 1859, 84 yrs. of age; m. Jan. 7, 1802, Mary Brown, who was b. July 1, 1783.

At an early age William Chaffin returned with his parents to Loudoun County, Virginia, where he grew to sturdy manhood. He was noted for his great physical strength and fearlessness. Poor in this world's goods, yet he was an "honest man, the noblest work of God." His grandchildren still cherish fond and pleasing memories of "Grandad" in his old age, sitting about their father's great, old fire-place, filled with blazing logs, entertaining them through the long winter evenings with thrilling adventures of the woods, blood-curdling encounters with Indians and narratives of weird, curious and uncanny things he had met across in "Old Virginny."

His marriage with Mary Brown was a run-away match, and the pursuit was so close that the stalwart young Carolinian and his beautiful Maryland bride were joined in marriage on the bridge at Harpers Ferry. It was happy union, although the fair young wife became an invalid in later years. She was a woman not only beautiful in person, but possessed of a fine mind and an exalted Christian character, which enabled her to bear the ills to which human flesh is heir patiently and philosophically.

In a year or two after their marriage this pair emigrated to Fayette County, Ohio, where they lived the remainder of their lives. To them were born eight sons and one daughter, viz:

*Third Generation*

David, born Dec. 7, 1802, died Nov. 28, 1806; Solomon, born Nov. 7, 1804, died in 1863; James, born Mar. 4, 1807, while his parents were on way to Ohio in wagon, died in 1881; Smith, born Oct. 4, 1809, died Dec. 24, 1889; Robert, born Jan. 10, 1811, died in childhood; Martha, only daughter, born Dec. 24, 1813, married David Shaw; William, born Apr. 7, 1816, died in April,

1890; Hinton, born May 10, 1820, died in young manhood; and John Wesley, born July 17, 1823, died Feb. 27, 1892.

All of these children who reached manhood and womanhood were possessed of sterling traits of character. Solomon, the eldest, was a man of exalted Christian ideals, as conscientious a man as could be found in all the country. He raised a large family, two of the sons serving in the Civil War. James was an honest, industrious, upright man, and was noted for his wit. "Uncle Jim," as he was familiarly called by all his acquaintances, was the life of any company in which he was found. He with his staid and quiet wife raised a family, the descendants of whom are "making good" in the world. Martha was a handsome and vivacious girl, who developed strong and intelligent qualities as a matron. She married David Shaw and settled on a farm in Shelby County, Ohio, where they raised a large family of bright children. Smith was a man of fine mental power, of a logical turn of mind, skilled and capable in debate, and if trained and educated would have made his mark as a statesman. Turning his attention to business he was very successful and he and his wife became among the largest land-holders in Fayette and Pickaway Counties, and large dealers in live stock. Politically, Smith Chaffin was very positive and pronounced in his views and convictions. So strong an Abolitionist was he before the war that he withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church, because she permitted slavery to exist among her members. For many years, therefore, he affiliated with the Wesleyan Methodists, but returned to the old church after the Civil War had settled the great question. From its organization he was an ardent supporter of the Republican party, finally going with the Liberal Republicans and voting for Horace Greeley, as their candidate for President. Jan. 7, 1830, he was united in marriage with Susan Shepard, only child of Jonathan and Elizabeth Shepard, Virginians also, of Loudoun County, who had emigrated to Ohio. The chosen wife, born Dec. 25, 1807, was a woman of remarkable mental powers and a superb equipoise of temperament, and pursued the even tenor of her way, full of the heroic, with a heart by faith made strong, by hope made light. She came of Revolutionary

stock and was the niece of John Chawpe, the intrepid young Virginian to whom General Washington intrusted the hazardous enterprise of attempting the capture of Benedict Arnold, after his betrayal at West Point. To this couple were born four children, mentioned in the "Fourth Generation."

William Chaffin was a man of strong character, an honest, God-fearing and industrious man who raised a large family of children, who reflect credit on their parents. They are mostly prosperous farmers. John Wesley Chaffin, the youngest son of William and Mary Chaffin, was a most brilliant preacher, journalist and author. He early sought a thorough education and being possessed of a very attractive personality and a consecrated purpose, he won his way wherever he went. He filled with acceptability many prominent pulpits in the Middle West and edited several journals. He was the author of the books: "The Battle of Calvary," "Memory's Golden Urn," and some other productions. His last years were spent in Cedar Rapids and Council Bluffs, Iowa, honored by all who knew him.

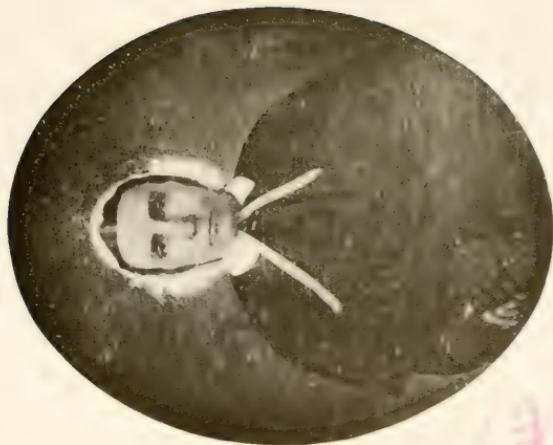
#### *Fourth Generation*

The children of Solomon Chaffin were John M., an attorney, late of Red Cloud, Neb., now deceased; Burris W., Battle Grand, Ind., now deceased; Noah, Minnesota, now deceased; William, Texas; Mary, wife of Rev. J. C. Clemans of the Central Ohio Conference, Findlay, O.; Sarah Isabella, wife of Rev. F. M. Clemans of the Cincinnati Conference, now deceased; and Josephine Chaffin, of Indiana.

Children of James Chaffin were Smith, a Methodist minister of Jeffersonville, O.; James D., New Holland, O., who did heroic work as a soldier in the Civil War; Samuel Mc., now deceased, his family in Chillicothe, O.; Mrs. Elizabeth Poole, Washington C. H., O.; Mrs. Rebecca Dundon, Loveland, Col.; and Solomon, of Washington C. H., O., who is now past 80 years of age.

Of the large family of children of Martha Chaffin and David Shaw we have only the name of Mrs. J. T. Black of Sidney, O., who is prominent in missionary matters in the Presbyterian Church.

MRS. SUSAN SHEPARD CHAFFIN



SMITH CHAFFIN





The children of Smith Chaffin and Susan Shepard were Miranda, who m. William Daugherty, who died in a year, she subsequently marrying George Vlerebome and raising to maturity three children, mentioned in fifth generation; Jonathan, who m. Elizabeth Adams and raised five children, all of New Holland, O., and d. in 1902; James, who lost his life in the great Civil War and lies buried in the big National Cemetery at Nashville, Tenn. He volunteered in less than thirty-six hours after Mr. Lincoln's first call for troops, and started at two o'clock in the morning for the front. He was a participant in the first Battle of Bull Run. He gave his life a willing sacrifice upon the altar of his country. With wonderful tenacity of life and remarkable fortitude he kept with his regiment and rode his horse when so reduced that he had to have a pillow across the saddle. Perhaps no man in the army was imbued with purer or more patriotic motives or with higher ideals of what constitutes good government. Clara, the youngest of the family, was b. Jan. 6, 1846. She graduated from college with classical honors in 1866. In 1868 she resigned a position in her alma mater to marry Maxwell Goddis Clarke, son of Rev. J. W. Clarke, of the Ohio Conference, a cousin of Dr. Adam Clarke, the celebrated linguist and commentator. Two children were b. to this marriage, Earl Chaffin, dying in infancy, and Guy Max, who passed away May 23, 1893, in his twenty-third year. He had just completed a full university course and was characterized by the president of the institution, now Bishop Bashford of China, as the most brilliant young man who ever went out under his administration. Mrs. Clara Clarke is now the wife of Rev. F. M. Clemans of the Cincinnati Conference. She is establishing a professorship in philosophy in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delewan, O., as a memorial to her son, Guy Max Clarke.

Of the large family of children raised by William Chaffin we have the names only of John Wesley, now residing in New Holland, O., and Mrs. John Michael, also of New Holland, O.

#### *Fifth and Sixth Generations*

Children of Smith Chaffin, son of James, son of William, son of Solomon and Catherine Chaffin, and who is a Methodist minister of

Jeffersonville, O., are Miss Letha, at home with her father; Mrs. Minnie Mixxix, of Bloomingburg, Fayette Co., O., and Mrs. Della Ortman, of Washington C. H., O.

Children of Mrs. Rebecca Dundon, dau. of James, son of William, son of Solomon & Catherine Chaffin, are Mrs. C. C. Doty and Walter Dundon of the thriving dry goods firm of Doty & Dundon, Loveland, Col.

Children of Solomon Chaffin, son of James, son of William, son of Solomon & Catherine Chaffin, and who was b. in 1832 and still resides in Washington C. H., O., at the advanced age of 80 years, and who m. Miss Hester Baker, now deceased, were as follows: TRYPHENA WHELPLEY of Washington C. H., O., who is the mother of Miss Halla Whelpley of that place; LOTEN W. CHAFFIN of Etheridge, Tenn., father of Guy, Lee, Otto and Frank; H. D. CHAFFIN, Washington C. H., O., father of Stanley; and FRANK A. CHAFFIN, Washington C. H., O., an attorney.

Children of Miranda Daugherty Vlerebome, dau. of Smith, son of William, son of Solomon & Catherine Chaffin, were Rena Vlerebome, now wife of Dr. C. D. Carpenter of Walton, Ind., Channing Vlerebome, and Mrs. Mysta Vlerebome McCrea of New Holland, O.

Children of Jonathan Chaffin, son of Smith, son of William, son of Solomon and Catherine Chaffin, were Howard, James, Horace, Jessie Benton, now Mrs. Jones, and Maud, now Mrs. Stokes, all of New Holland, O.

There are also others belonging to this branch of the Chaffin family whose names and addresses and history we do not have.

### THE MISSOURI BRANCH

BENJAMIN CHAFFIN (not positive of given name), was a Revolutionary soldier. After the close of the war, probably 1800, he emigrated from Virginia to Cincinnati, O. Tradition has it that at this time a brother moved south and another brother moved north.

He d. shortly after the move and was buried on the bank of Mill Creek, now within the present confines of the city of Cincinnati, O. He had two sons, John and Eliel, viz:

*Second Generation*

JOHN CHAFFIN (the younger), a surveyor; d. single when about 21 years of age; buried in Dearborn Co., Ind.

ELIEL CHAFFIN, b. abt. 1796 near Richmond, Va.; served in Mexican War, also War of 1812; was the youngest in his company and was known as "Youth." He obtained a land warrant for his service; original patent signed by President Jas. Monroe, 1820, for land in Dearborn Co., Indiana, which he entered and it was his homestead till his death, in 1863.

He was a pioneer in S. E. Indiana, a rural school teacher, a justice of the peace, a sort of local historian, and wrote sketches for papers published in Aurora and Lawrenceburg, Ind. Married 2d, Nancy Agnes Todd, four children, viz:

*Third Generation*

NELSON T. CHAFFIN, now residing in National City, Cal.

MRS. JAMES TODD, now residing in Moundville, Mo.

MRS. WM. P. ROCKYFELLER, now residing in Chalfont, Pa.

ROBERT ELIEL CHAFFIN, M. D., now residing in Stanberry, Mo., b. Nov. 7, 1857, Dearborn Co., Ind. Married June 9, 1884, Mary Elizabeth Curtis, b. Mar. 1, 1865; dau. of Jos. D. and Arminda Curtis; three children to this union. Mrs. C. d. 1906.

Married 2d, June 23, 1908, Elizabeth Barnes, M. D., b. June 23, 1870; dau. of Andrew J. and Margaret Barnes; no children.

Was a public school teacher in Ohio and Indiana; graduated from Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, O., 1893, now practices in Missouri. Children, viz:

*Fourth Generation*

JOSEPH STEWART CHAFFIN, b. July 1, 1885; traveling salesman, Royal Baking Powder Co. Address, Muskogee, Okla., Box 1468.

MINNA C. CHAFFIN, b. Sept. 16, 1887; trained nurse, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

ROBERT NELSON CHAFFIN, b. July 13, 1905.

## THE MICHIGAN BRANCH

JOHN C. CHAFFIN was b. in Virginia Dec. 26, 1797, and was left an orphan at two years of age. He grew to manhood in Virginia and there he m., Nov. 12, 1818, Elizabeth Miller, who d. July 27, 1826, and to this union were born one daughter and two sons. In 1825 this family removed to Hancock Co., Ohio, where they bought a farm about six miles northeast of Findlay. In 1826 Mrs. Chaffin d. of consumption, and John C. Chaffin was united in marriage, Apr. 19, 1827, with Margaret Gipson of Ohio, and to this union were born four sons and four daughters.

Mr. Chaffin cleared and improved his farm and made it one of the best, which was owned by his people for many years after his death. In his earlier years he taught school and he was also justice of the peace for several years in Ohio. He helped to build the first house in Findlay, O., now a large, thriving city. He was a sociable and quiet man, beloved of all who knew him. He d. Feb. 15, 1842.

*Second Generation*

Children of John C. Chaffin and Elizabeth Miller, all b. in Virginia:

Louisa, b. Apr. 7, 1820; m. Joseph Hardy of Ohio; both living to good old age. Their one daughter and three sons mentioned in third generation.

John Wesley, b. Apr. 7, 1822, whose four children now reside in Ithaca and Ashley, Mich.

Ezra, b. Apr. 1, 1824, and d. in infancy.

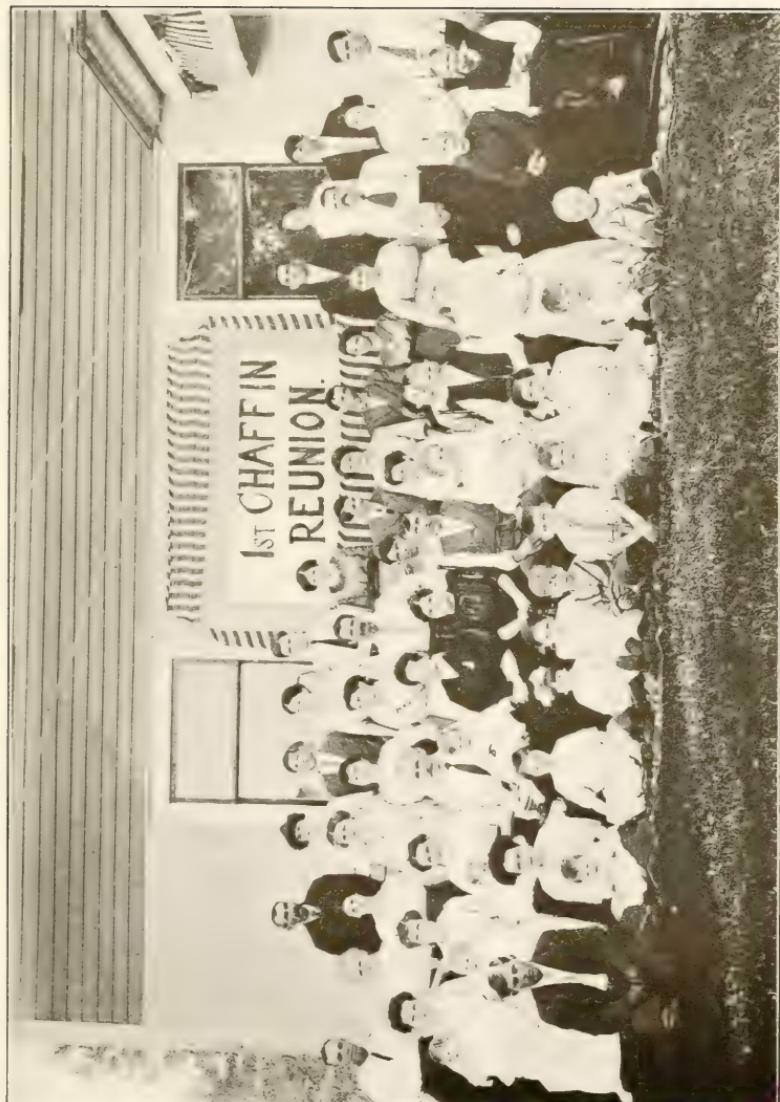
Solomon Asbury, b. June 15, 1825; d. Jan. 23, 1878; m. Mar. 22, 1849, Lydia M. Foust of Hancock Co., O., b. Jan. 5, 1828; d. Mar. 29, 1899.

Children of John C. Chaffin and Margaret Gipson, all b. in Hancock Co., Ohio:

William, b. 1828; d. 1830.

Allen, b. 1830; d. 1847. Was a cripple the last seven years of his life, suffering much, and a great care to his parents.

Mary Ann, b. Aug. 13, 1831; m. 1848, George Fairchilds of O., who d. abt. 1858. They had one son and two daughters. She



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then, in 1859, m. Jas. A. Nelson, to which union two sons and one daughter were b.

Sallie, b. 1833; m. Wm. Albertson of Ohio; d. one year later.

Hannah, b. June 28, 1834; m. Mr. Downs Nelson of Ohio, to which union three sons and one daughter were born.

James, who suffered imprisonment in Libby Prison and d. on his release therefrom.

Lucinda, who m. a Mr. Downs.

Charles Amer, who was also in the Union Army. He lived some time in Michigan and had several children.

Louisa and Joseph Hardy settled on a farm in Hancock Co., O., which they cleared and improved and which became one of the best in that part of the state. In later years it was found to be located in the gas and oil region. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy both lived to a good old age and were laid to rest in Ohio.

Solomon Asbury Chaffin was left motherless at one year of age and encountered many hardships under the care of a stepmother, to which the pioneer life in a new country added much. It is said that he attended school only one half day in the summer time, but succeeded in obtaining a fair education attending the winter schools. Many a day he worked for the sum of 50 cents per day, walking a mile or two to his work and working an hour or two before breakfast. When a young man he worked two seasons in a river fishery. He was a small man, weighing only from 120 to 130 pounds, but very quick and active. After his marriage he continued on the farm until in the spring of 1854, when he came with his brother, Wesley to Michigan, who removed there at that time. On seeing the new country with its great forests he foresaw that it would some day be a great country and resolved to settle there too. He worked his way back to Ohio, a distance of over 200 miles, the best he could, there being no railroads through Michigan at that time, and made arrangements to move in the fall with his family and in company with his sister Mary and her family, which move they made with ox teams bringing their little belongings and driving two cows before them the 200 miles distance. After being two and a half weeks on the road, walking in mud, fording streams, cutting roads, and enduring all kinds of hardships, they reached the land of promise. About this time there

had come to this great, new land a considerable number of other enthusiastic homeseekers who were striving hard to maintain their own until they could get a start. Fortunately there was plenty of game and so the people did not starve.

Mr. Chaffin bought a farm of ninety acres in North Star township, Gratiot Co., of a Mr. Barnaby, who had put up a small log house and stable and had chopped and partly cleared a couple of acres.

In this new country there were many hardships to endure, such as weevils in the wheat, no mills nor markets nor roads, and the early frosts, but these young people were courageous and ambitious and willing to do their part in return for what they sought, of that class of truest and purest Americans.

There was a grist mill at a place called Fish Creek, thirty or forty miles away and the farmers would take turn about hitching two ox teams to a wagon and driving there, being gone four days and four nights. Mr. Chaffin walked many times to a town called St. Johns, a distance of about twenty-two miles as they had to go at that time, following a path, wading through water and mud, and brought back in a bag some groceries, plow-paint, etc., and made the round trip in one day.

But there were some good times for these early settlers as well as the many hardships, some of which were in attending logging bees, house raising and helping to make the roads as in those days they were all like brothers and sisters and the opportunity to visit while working made it like a holiday. The latch strings of their homes hung outside and all were welcome. They thought nothing of taking a team of oxen and a long sled and going five or six miles to meeting or spelling school.

Mr. Chaffin lived on his farm for fifteen years, having cleared some sixty or more acres, cutting and splitting the rails to fence the same, and having put up all new buildings, set and raised a nice orchard, besides doing much work away from home. Everything had to be done with the axe and hand spike as the cross-cut saw was not heard of at that time. The price for felling an acre of timber was \$4 and one had to board himself at that. Mr. Chaffin cut many acres for others. In the fall of 1869 he sold his

farm and bought another in Fulton township, Gratiot Co., on which he lived until his death.

He joined the Methodist Church soon after coming to Michigan, of which he was always a true and faithful member, singing the good old hymns of long ago. He had many friends all over the country, as he was always as pleasant, honest and upright as any man could be. He d. at the age of nearly 53 years, of abscess of the liver. His wife, Lydia M. C., survived him as his widow for twenty-one years, living with her oldest son, Oliver N. Chaffin, on the old home farm. She d. of pneumonia and was laid to rest in Fulton Center Cemetery, Gratiot Co., Mich.

Mary Ann (Chaffin) Fairchilds Nelson, who moved to Michigan with her family and in company with her brother, Solomon Asbury, also settled on a farm in North Star township, Gratiot Co., which they bought of a Mr. Tead. After the death of Mr. Fairchilds his wife continued on the Michigan farm, caring for their three children and also after her marriage with Mr. Nelson and until 1861, when they sold the farm and bought another in Fulton, Gratiot Co. In 1863, Mr. Nelson went to the war and served until its close, being engaged in several battles. During the long absence of her husband, Mrs. Nelson, with the aid of her children and the help of a few neighbors continued farming. After Mr. Nelson's return from the war they engaged in the buying and selling of real estate until about 1887 when they removed to Nebraska, where Mr. Nelson d. about 1905. Since then Mrs. Nelson has made her home with her children, some of whom are living in Michigan and some in Wyoming. At the age of 81 she made the trip from Wyoming to Michigan unattended. She is very active and has a fine memory for one of her age.

Hannah Chaffin Nelson and her sister, Mary Ann Fairchilds Nelson married brothers. Hannah moved with her husband from their Ohio home in about 1866, he having accumulated quite a considerable amount of money during the Rebellion, and invested in an excellent farm near Fulton, Gratiot Co., Mich. After some years they removed to Ithaca and then to Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Nelson d. about 1910. Mrs. Nelson raised a second family of three grandchildren, whose mother d. when they were small.

With the aid of two of these she has, since her widowhood, operated a boarding house.

### *Third Generation*

Children of Louisa Chaffin and Joseph Hardy, all b. in Hancock Co., O.:

Sarah Ann, m. a man from Tennessee, where they now live. George, m. Miss Jane Crawford of Ohio; moved to Michigan, and from there to Tennessee by team, where they now live. They have one son.

William, b. abt. 1851. Lives in Findlay, O.; has two daughters. Asbury Hardy, b. 1865. Moved to Ashley, Mich., then back to Ohio.

Children of John Wesley Chaffin were Marion, Homer, Theodore, b. in Ithaca, and Perry, b. in Ashley.

Children of Solomon Asbury Chaffin and Lydia M. Foust:

John Wesley, b. Feb. 24, 1850, Hancock Co., Ohio; d. Aug. 7, 1852.

Jacob Asbury, b. Jan. 5, 1852, Hancock Co., Ohio; d. four months later.

Oliver N., b. Sept. 18, 1853, Hancock Co., Ohio; m. Feb. 6, 1879, Luelda Laycock, a girl of 20. To this union were b. seven daughters and two sons mentioned in fourth generation.

Christina, b. June 24, 1856, North Star Township, Gratiot Co., Michigan; m. Dec. 30, 1875, Wm. A. Francis. To this union were two daughters b., one son adopted.

Louise I., b. Jan. 29, 1859, in North Star Township, Gratiot Co., Michigan; m. Feb. 6, 1879, Zaheth Allen. Live now in Newark, Mich., and have four sons and three daughters.

Mary, b. May 6, 1861, in North Star Township, Gratiot Co., Michigan; m. in 1881, John Beecher. To this union three sons were b. Separated in 1890. She m. again, Nov. 10, 1900, Frank Dalrymple. They had one daughter. Mrs. D. d. later.

Charles A., b. Apr. 19, 1864, North Star Township, Gratiot Co., Michigan; m. Nov. 4, 1886, Maggie Chaffin. They are the parents of one son and two daughters.

Emma E., b. Sept. 18, 1867, in North Star Township, Gratiot Co., Mich.

Children of Mary Ann Chaffin and George Fairchilds, all b. in Hancock Co., O.:

Margaret, b. abt. 1849; m. in 1869, Webster Helms of Fulton, Mich. To this union were one son and two daughters b. Now Charlevoix, Mich.

John, b. 1852; m. 1878, Nellie Nichols; now live in Washington. To this union were two sons and three daughters b.

Lillie, b. June 2, 1854; m. Sept. 26, 1873, Thos. Holland of Michigan. To this union four sons and five daughters were b. They now live at Perrinton, Mich.

Children of Mary Ann Chaffin Fairchild and Jas. A. Nelson, all b. in Gratiot Co., Mich.:

Eugene A., b. 1861; d. 1881.

Charley, b. 1864; m. 1884, Sallie McClellan of Maple Rapids, Mich. Two sons and one daughter were b. to this union. They now live in Wyoming.

Ella, b. 1867; m. 1887, Wm. McComber. Now in Wyoming. Three daughters were b. to this union.

Children of Hannah Chaffin and Downs Nelson:

Three sons, names and addresses not known by writer.

Margaret, b. in Ohio; m. a Mr. Miller.

Children of Charles Amer Chaffin:

Milo, living near Columbus, O.

Also other children in Michigan.

Oliver N. Chaffin was but one year old when his parents moved from Hancock Co., O., to Gratiot Co., Mich., and he was then their oldest living child. In this new country his parents had brought him to, he grew to manhood, sharing with them the hardships and toil incident to the pioneer life, and being the oldest of a family of six children, it fell to his lot while only a young boy to do the work of a grown man, which he did, and still found time, by utilizing his spare moments studying hard at his books, to obtain a fair education. He continued to work for his parents until he was 21 years of age and then began for himself, farming the old home farm on shares which he continued to do for twenty-five years *without having a contract drawn and without having a word of dispute or trouble!* When he was 24 years old his father died. He continued to live with his mother for one year thereafter when

he was united in marriage with Luelda Laycock under the same ceremony with his sister Louisa and Mr. Allen and commenced housekeeping in a tenant house on the old farm, but still looked after his mother and her younger children. In 1887 he bought a part of the old farm and moved into the larger and better house with his mother. Three years later he built his mother a new house close by where he could look after her and her belongings, which he did until her death in 1899, her children then settling up her estate among themselves without having it probated, Oliver N. Chaffin buying the balance of the farm.

During these many years Mr. Oliver Chaffin has been engaged in many pursuits besides farming. He has been and now is engaged in breeding and raising thoroughbred stock, horses, cattle, hogs and poultry. He has shipped poultry and live stock for a number of years, and sold farm machinery, sewing machines, pianos, organs and small musical instruments. Being a natural musician himself, as many Chaffins were, he was very successful in the sale of musical instruments, as he was also in other things. He has bought and sold farms, but has always kept to the old farm that he and his family have lived on these many years. He has also kept a systematical book account of his business affairs for forty-three years, both of his cash accounts and of his farm crops. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chaffin are the proud parents of seven daughters and two sons, all of whom have marked musical ability. Children mentioned in fourth generation.

Christina Chaffin Francis, being the oldest daughter of her parents, also shared in the toil and hardships of pioneer life with them until her marriage at 19 years of age, and then with her husband on the farm they rented. For a time fate seemed against them; they sustained losses of live stock, and then their household goods by fire, but by courageous perseverance they overcame these things and now own a good farm only a mile from a thriving railroad town with a good graded road therto. But, unfortunately, Mrs. Francis has lost her health and suffers from nervous and rheumatic trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Francis were the parents of two daughters, but not a son; therefore, when little Royce Gool, who was born, Feb. 7, 1893, in Perrinton, Mich., was left

motherless at two and a half years of age, his mother dying of consumption, they adopted him as their own son. He is now a bright young man and a comfort to them in their old age.

#### *Fourth and Fifth Generations*

##### Children of Oliver N. Chaffin and Luelda Laycock:

Ina Alberta, b. Dec. 25, 1879, Michigan; m. Feb. 6, 1901, F. M. Brewbaker. One son, Alden Oliver, b. May 23, 1906.  
Bertha, b. Dec. 22, 1881, Michigan; m. May 6, 1908, Floyd Davis. She was a public school teacher for some years.  
Scoto E., b. Feb. 2, 1884; m. Feb. 2, 1910, Mable Ringle. Daughter, b. Sept. 7, 1912.  
Norma, b. May 21, 1886; m. Apr. 14, 1909, Ralph Cumberworth. Son, Nyal, b. Jan. 26, 1912.  
Orly, b. June 1, 1889. A machinist.  
Laurel, b. May 21, 1892. A public school teacher, musical, vocal talent.  
Leota, b. Nov. 16, 1894. Student, musical.  
Cuthe, b. Dec. 28, 1897.  
Avah, b. Feb. 25, 1904.

##### Children of Christina Chaffin and William A. Francis:

Estella, b. Dec. 30, 1875; m. May 1, 1897, Roy Dodge. One daughter, Carol, b. Mar. 20, 1900, Michigan.  
Maud, b. Feb. 27, 1880; m. May 5, 1900, Wm. Metzger. Ilene, b. Sept. 11, 1903, in Pompei, Mich. Merill, b. Mar. 24, 1909, in Pompei, Mich.  
Royce Gool, b. Feb. 7, 1893, adopted son.

##### Children of Louisa I. Chaffin and Zaheth Allen:

Elzadia, b. Feb. 8, 1880, Michigan; m. Jan. 5, 1906, Geo. Barrett.  
Eloise Marie, b. July 4, 1908, St. Thomas, Can. Blaine M., b. Mar. 21, 1912.  
Claud, b. Feb. 22, 1882: m. Feb. 27, 1909, Detroit, Mich.  
Sarah, b. Mar. 4, 1885, Newark, Mich.; teacher; m. Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. Delooch, Middletown, Mich. Duane, b. Nov. 18, 1906, Newark, Mich. Lysle, b. May 29, 1909, Illinois. Hartwell, b. Mar. 16, 1912, Illinois.  
Cleavie, b. Dec. 16, 1889, Michigan.  
Gladys, b. Mar. 18, 1892, Michigan.  
Carlis, b. Nov. 29, 1895, Michigan.  
Sederick, b. Mar. 13, 1900.

Children of Mary Chaffin and John Beecher, all b. in Michigan: Clayton, b. 1882; Frederick, b. 1884; and Arthur, b. May 5, 1887.

Children of Mary Chaffin Beecher and Frank Dalrymple: Marie, b. July 4, 1903, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Children of Charles A. Chaffin and Maggie Chaffin: Eleanor, b. Dec. 4, 1887, Ithaca, Mich.; m. Nov. 4, 1909, Ardey Satimore. Nelda M., b. Dec. 9, 1910. Asbury, b. July 27, 1889; d. Mar. 21, 1904, and Gleah, b. Apr. 14, 1901.

Children of Charles Nelson and Sallie McClellan: Three, two sons and one daughter in Wyoming.

Children of Ella Nelson and Wm. McComber: Three daughters living in the west.

Children of Margaret Fairchilds and Webster Helms were Bird, Mary and Lulu.

Children of John Fairchild and Nellie Nichols were Cora, Clellie, Clorrie, Claud and James.

Children of Lillie Fairchilds and Thos. Holland: John T., b. Jan. 1, 1875, Michigan; now Saraine, O. Has five children. Charles, b. Nov. 23, 1877, Michigan; now Perrinton, Mich. Minnie, b. Jan. 8, 1879, Michigan; m. Mr. Vonblankenstein. George, b. Mar. 3, 1880; now in Wisconsin. Pearl, b. Sept. 23, 1883, Michigan; m., has one child. Maud, b. June 10, 1889, Nebraska; m., one son, now in Montana. Ella, b. Nov. 17, 1892, Nebraska; now Detroit, Mich. Bessie, b. Dec. 18, 1893, Illinois; now Lansing, Mich. Thomas, Jr., b. 1898. Now Perrinton, Mich., in school.

Children of Margaret Nelson and G. Miller: Four, three sons and one daughter.

Children of Ella Nelson and Wm. McComber: Three daughters in Wyoming.



MRS. AMANDA CHAFFIN SELDERS



JOHN WESLEY CHAFFIN, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Miller) Chaffin, was b. in West Virginia Apr. 7, 1822. He m. Clara Ann Eirtts, who was born in Trumbull Co., O., in 1826. They came from Ohio to North Star, Gratiot Co., Mich., in 1854. He was a hunter and trapper and traded for furs and engaged in clearing a farm from the wilderness. But this kind of life has just been sufficiently described in the account given of Solomon. He was a kind man and very religious; d. in 1874. For 31 years afterwards his widow cared for the family and died, beloved by all, in 1905. Two of his children d. the first winter in Michigan.

The son, CHARLES MARION, was educated in the common schools of Ithaca and the Agricultural College at Lansing. He taught school for 20 years in the winter, boarding around, and engaged in farming in the summer, traveling back and forth in his teaching he walked about 7,600 miles and rode 1,200, a total of nearly 9,000 miles. He finally became a photographer. He has been school commissioner, town clerk and held other offices, always a Republican, much attached to his church, a Sunday school superintendent and chosen secretary of the first Michigan Chaffin Reunion, held in Sept., 1912. In June, 1876, he m. Sarah Barnes, dau. of John and Susannah; b. in England, sister of Senator George Barnes. They had one child, Bessie A., who has unusual musical ability, and in 1905 m. H. Henry Wright. Mrs. Chaffin d. in 1898, a normal school student, and a woman of fine character and ability.

John Wesley had also a son, HOMER W., b. abt. 1857. He became a successful teacher, teaching for about 15 years. In 1898 he m. Carrie Allen. They went west and taught school, but finally returned, and for several years he has been engaged in the mail service. They have three children, *Hugh, Fred and Marion*.

John Wesley's daughter, CLARA LOUISA, b. 1859, became a successful teacher, and in 1896 m. Harley Whitcomb; no children, but adopted a little boy.

J. W. had also a son, THEODORE A., b. 1860, a farmer; m. 1881, Delia Hattades, and they had two daughters, *Clella*, b. 1883; m. John Augustin and have had six children; and *Ethel*, b. 1885; m. Ernest Pratt in 1906. They have an adopted daughter of great

musical ability named Hazel and is about 16 years of age. Theodore Chaffin and Ernest Pratt are successful photographers.

Another son of John Wesley is FRANCIS PERRY, b. in 1862; a farmer, awhile a photographer, but for the last few years raising beets for a sugar company. In 1890 he m. Helen Belding, dau. of Mortimer Belding, a soldier in the Mexican and Civil Wars. Their children are *Bessie, Wesley, Gertrude, Harold, Miles* and *baby*.

J. W.'s youngest is EDITH, b. 1864, well educated and amiable in disposition and gifted in painting and tinting photographs. In 1910 she m. Chas. C. Allen of Colorado, and their present occupation is intensive farming and good poultry breeding.

MARY ANN, dau. of John C. and Margaret Gipson Chaffin, was b. Aug. 13, 1831, and m., 1848, Geo. Fairchilds, who d. abt. 1858. They had one son and two daughters. She m. 2d, 1859, Jas. A. Nelson and had two sons and one dau. The son, CHARLES, was a trader, shifting about a good deal; finally m. and settled on a farm, which he sold and then went into the real estate business. The son, WILBUR E., was a horse jockey; in 1889 m. Clara Chaffin, his cousin, and had three children. He finally settled in Detroit.

JAMES CHAFFIN, son of John C., b. Oct. 13, 1836; was a Union soldier and was made a prisoner and sent to Libby Prison, and after nearly starving to death, as his friends who saw him alleged, finally found his way home and died there.

LUCINDA CHAFFIN, his sister, was b. Aug. 18, 1838, a robust young woman, who looked after her mother when her brothers were in the war, and managed the farm. She m. Edward Downs, who was a Union soldier and fortunate enough to return home. They lived in Michigan and had two sons and three daughters, and when these were grown up they went to Toledo and engaged in mercantile business, but finally went back to farming. The Downs had several other children, but there is no space here to report them in detail.



MRS. ALICE A. PRINCE



**CHARLES AMES CHAFFIN**, another son of John C., was b. Sept. 5, 1840. He m., Jan. 31, 1867, Eleanor E. Gear (?). He also was a Union soldier, had several children, lived in Michigan, and after the death of his wife, in July, 1881, and his mother, a few years later, he became quite a traveler, going all over the U. S., but then settled in a soldiers' home.

There are many other details that might have been added had the data forwarded come in season, before the copy had all gone to the printer.

### THE TENNESSEE BRANCH

The Tennessee Chaffins are perhaps all, or nearly all, descendants of a Virginia ancestor who came from England in Colonial times and settled there, some of the younger generations later pushing out into the newer lands of Tennessee, as well as of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri, and later to the Gulf, to the Pacific Coast and to Canada.

Among these early dwellers in Virginia was one who served his country loyally in the struggle for independence and who raised a large family of children. For some time this family lived in Harpers Ferry, where at least two of the children were born. These two were **MOSES CHAFFIN**—born about 1783—and **ROLAND CHAFFIN**, a younger brother.

When the sons of this large family grew to manhood they emigrated to other states, some going north, and Moses, Roland and another brother going south to Tennessee, finally making their permanent home in Columbia, Maury Co., where some of their descendants now live.

During the War of 1812 Roland Chaffin fought under General Jackson, and while engaged in the Battle of New Orleans saw Packenham, the British commander, killed.

Moses Chaffin married in 1808 a Miss Jane Jones of Raleigh, N. C. Their children were **GARLAND**, born Oct. 9, 1910; **WILLIAM BENJAMIN**, born Apr. 25, 1813, and **MARY ELIZABETH**, born Dec. 30, 1816.

Jane Jones, after the death of her husband, Moses Chaffin, mar-

ried his brother, Roland Chaffin. To this later union one child was born—**GREEN T. CHAFFIN**.

Garland Chaffin was killed in a storm during the early fifties while traveling in a boat down the Mississippi River. He had an interest in the boat and in property in Natchez, Miss., to which place he was going at the time of his death.

William Benjamin Chaffin lived his entire life of eighty-two years in Columbia, Tenn., an honored and highly esteemed citizen. When he started out as a young man to do for himself, he had had the advantages of a good home and rearing, and was poor in this world's goods, but he was industrious, with a determined perseverance, sober, honest, reliable and thrifty, and soon established himself in business.

About the age of twenty-eight he married Miss Amanda Adkison, daughter of Samuel Adkison, one of the most prominent, influential and well-to-do residents of that part of the State, and of one of the oldest families of the South. With the financial aid he then received from his father-in-law, he developed his business—that of wagon manufacturer—and established a comfortable home in Columbia, Tenn.

His fair, young bride was only a girl in her "teens," but possessed a sterling, womanly character, intellectual and capable as well as deeply spiritual, sweet and gentle. A loving and inspiring companion, she was a true helpmate, and with loyal, untiring ambition she helped her husband establish himself and accumulate for the years to come and for their children all that he ever possessed. But being unmindful of self to a fault, she assumed duties beyond her strength, which indirectly caused her death when their third child was six weeks old. Seeing that death was at hand, she requested that her infant be named for herself—Amanda Patience Chaffin—bade her husband a fond farewell, and with the twenty-third psalm on her lips, feebly repeating "The Lord is my Shepherd," her soul passed to Him in whom she had trusted. She was laid to rest in the family burying plot in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Tenn.

The children born to this union were *Beatrice E.*, born in 1844;



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*Louise*, who died in infancy, and *Amanda P.*, born July 10, 1849, the latter being the only surviving member of this family.

Seven years after the death of his first wife, William Benjamin Chaffin united in marriage with Margaret Martin.

He was an unassuming man, quiet and lenient in his home life, a peaceable neighbor and an exemplary citizen. He died July 10, 1895.

To this later union were born: *Nellie*, who died in infancy; *Laura*, who married Chas. Parker, and *William Martin*, born Mar. 28, 1871.

The children of Laura Chaffin and Chas. Parker are Laurence, Charles and William Martin Parker.

William Martin Chaffin married Linda Frierson. At eighteen years of age he went to work in the Maury National Bank, Columbia, Tenn., where he has since been, being now assistant cashier.

MARY ELIZABETH CHAFFIN, daughter of Moses Chaffin, and who was known as Betsy, married William Weaver. They made their home in Huntsville, Ala. To this union twelve children were born, only three of whom now survive, namely, *Ellen*, *Mrs. Ida Williams* and *Mrs. Lulu Harris*. Among the children who have passed beyond were *Henry*, a kind and most devoted brother, a *Mrs. Kate McGee* and a *Mrs. Seat*, whose son William now resides with his wife and son in Chicago, Ill.

GREEN T. CHAFFIN, son of Roland Chaffin, whose home adjoined that of his brother William for many years—until his death—was in character much the same as his brother. Both were remarkably quiet. It has been said that, although always on the best of terms, and although their yards joined, they scarcely spoke more to each other than to pass the time of day, unless on visits or other special occasions.

Green T. Chaffin married Miss Nancy Dowell, and of the large family born to this union only four lived to maturity, namely, *William T.*, *Frank D.*, *Elizabeth* and *Louise*.

William T. married Miss Partee. The seven children born to this union are *William*, *Oscar*, *Louise*, *Nellie*, *Mamie*, *Theodora* and *Walter*. Frank D. and his twin sister Elizabeth have never married. Louise married Frank Rushton of Birmingham, Ala., a

prosperous business man, and to this union two children were born, namely, Frank and Louise. While these children were yet small their young mother died, whereupon her unmarried sister, Elizabeth, devoted her life to their care and rearing. Frank, Jr., is now married, has six children, and lives in Birmingham, Ala. Louise married a Mr. Crouch and lives at her father's home.

William T. and Frank D. Chaffin have for many years been partners in a wholesale and retail grocery business, also have other enterprises, and are prosperous and respected citizens of Columbia, Tenn.

*Beatrice E.*, first child of William Benjamin Chaffin, was much like her mother in character and temperament, was deeply spiritual and noted for her quiet, gentle and sweet disposition. She had marked musical ability, which she faithfully developed. She married Chas. Nichols, a young Confederate soldier of sterling character and a kind heart. She died a few years later when her only child was but two and a half years old. With almost her last breath, she joined her voice with others who were singing at her request "Jesus, Lover of My Soul;" and thus her saintly soul passed on to join that of her mother.

Her son, William T. Nichols, now resides in Nashville, Tenn., and has three sons and three daughters, namely, Louise, who is married and also has a son; James William, Laura Beatrice, Cleo Clifford, Howard Sidney and Allen, the last three mentioned being yet in school.

*Amanda P. Chaffin*, widow of Thos. B. Selders, third child and now only surviving daughter of William Benjamin Chaffin, who is remarkably like her father in character and temperament, is a strongly intellectual, courageously resourceful and capable woman. The most marked characteristic of her entire life has been her long-suffering patience. Married at an early age, she never discontinued studying, was much given to reading and the pursuit of knowledge and to inspiring her children in the same way. When the mother of nine children she was able to pass the U. S. Civil Service examination at the top of the list and was appointed instructor and in charge of a department in the Government Schools, which position she has now held for about ten



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years, keeping her younger children in school nearby. Her present address is Lawton, Oklahoma, Box 248.

She united in marriage Sept. 3, 1865, at the early age of sixteen, with Thos. B. Selders, an officer in the Union Army, now deceased. The nine children born of the union were: *Alice*, who m. George Melville Prince of Chicago; became a widow in three years; in 1907 entered the Chicago Kent College of Law and graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1910; in 1911 was awarded the degree of LL.M.; *D. Edward*, Van Orin, Ill., dealer in farm implements, elevators, engines, etc., inventor of the D. E. Selders Power Transmitting Apparatus; father of two daughters and one son; *Thomas Benton*, a machinist, living in Toledo, Ohio; *Mrs. Marie Beatrice Forbrich*, formerly a public school teacher, recently teacher and principal of a department in Wood's Business School in Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Mrs. Myrtle Rader*, formerly U. S. Government Court reporter in the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, Havana, Cuba, now residing in Los Angeles, Cal.; *Oliver M.*, attorney-at-law, graduate of the Illinois and De Paul Universities of law; admitted to the Bar in 1907, and in 1908 admitted to the Bar of the U. S. District Circuit and Appellate Courts for the Northern District of Illinois; m. Dr. Eda Bergquest, a prominent physician of Chicago; *Alonzo F.*, employed by a railroad company; *Joseph Grant*, a bookkeeper, and *Raymond E.*, still in school.

#### ANOTHER TENNESSEE BRANCH

The first Chaffin of this line of whom anything very definite is known was **JOSEPH**. His father was b. in Virginia, was of the Virginia family and moved to Jackson Co., Tenn. He had six children, Joseph, Ruth, Martha, William, Elias and Bailaam. All were b. in Jackson Co. Ruth and Martha and Joseph d. there, but William and Elias moved to Montana and Bailaam to Greene Co., Mo., and d. there.

**JOSEPH** m. Nancy Fox and d. in Jackson Co., Tenn., he in 1861, and she in 1859. Their children were Abner, Ben, William, John, Fox, Narl, Sally, Martha, Nancy, Betsy and Almira.

ABNER CHAFFIN was b. Jan. 15, 1819; m. Mar. 22, 1838, Eliza-

beth Young. Abner d. Sept. 9, 1869, and Elizabeth Sept. 9, 1904. Their children were:

Francis Marion, b. May 2, 1839.  
Louisa, b. Dec. 29, 1840; res. in Davidson Co., Tenn.  
Martha, b. June 19, 1843; res. in Jackson Co., Tenn.  
William Jasper, b. Apr. 10, 1845; d. abt. Sept., 1873.  
Sally, b. Dec. 28, 1846; res. in Holdenville, Okla.  
Benj. Bartlett, b. Nov. 4, 1848; res. Jackson Co., Tenn.  
John Robert, b. Dec. 5, 1850; res. Jackson Co., Tenn.  
Joshua Lawson, b. Sept. 7, 1852; d. Dec. 25, 1875.  
Nancy, b. Aug. 21, 1854; d. Nov. 1, 1855.  
Mary Jane, b. Sept. 29, 1856; res. Jackson Co., Tenn.  
James Monroe, b. Nov. 23, 1858; res. Jackson Co., P. O. Gainsboro.  
Betsy Elizabeth, b. Sept. 12, 1861; res. Jackson Co., P. O. Gainsboro.

FRANCIS MARION, b. May 2, 1839; m. Sally Elizabeth Loftus, Aug. 23, 1860; b. Jan. 20, 1841. Francis M. and family moved from Jackson Co., Tenn., to Ozark Co., Mo., and from there to Elk Co., Kan., Nov., 1883, where they now reside at Moline. They moved all the way in pioneer style, in wagons. Children:

Mary Ellen, b. Sept. 13, 1861.  
Martha Elizabeth, b. Nov. 23, 1864.  
Edward Ashley, b. Feb. 7, 1872.  
David, b. Jan. 20, 1876.  
Mamie Effie, b. Feb. 9, 1880; m. Mar. 15, 1911, Roy Bates.  
Myrtle V., b. Jan. 28, 1885.

They all live in Moline, Kan.

EDWARD ASHLEY, b. Feb. 7, 1872; m. Aug. 23, 1898, Cora M. Dennis, b. Dec. 10, 1878; d. Nov. 23, 1903. Children:

Hazel Victoria, b. Apr. 6, 1900.  
Ruth Elizabeth, b. Mar. 22, 1902; d. June 21, 1903.

Edward A. m. 2d, June 19, 1907, Myrtle E. Taylo, and they had:

Laura A., b. Jan. 16, 1909.  
Letha C., b. Oct. 3, 1910.  
Paul Ashley, b. Mar. 27, 1912.



FRANCIS MARION CHAFFIN  
E. A. CHAFFIN DAVID CHAFFIN



DAVID, b. Jan. 20, 1876; m. Dec. 11, 1901, Mollie Sooter, b. Mar. 6, 1881, and they had:

Eva Fern, b. Oct. 4, 1905.  
Opal May, b. July 23, 1907.  
Arthur Marion, b. Dec. 3, 1909.

All the members of the families named above are members of the Christian Church, and have been devout members as far back as known. E. A. Chaffin was for twelve years superintendent of Sunday School of that church in Moline. Nearly all have been Democrats. They have all had a fine reputation for honesty and integrity, and have been industrious and hard working people. They settled in Kansas on a raw quarter section of land in 1882, endured the hardships of pioneer life, but now own several farms and have comfortable homes in the city besides.

E. A., David, Effie and Myrtle now own one-fifth interest in the Moline National Bank that has a capital of \$50,000, and surplus and profits of \$15,000. E. A. has been cashier for ten years, and Effie and Myrtle have been assistants, but David is now assistant cashier. Under their management the bank has increased from a small beginning to become the largest in Elk Co. E. A. and David have been in partnership all their lives and are so still. E. A. has been a school teacher nine years and for four years as principal. Effie and Myrtle also taught school several years.

E. A. Chaffin and David Chaffin are 32d degree Masons, and members of the Wichita, Kansas, Consistory No. 2. E. A. Chaffin is also a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 215, Moline, Kansas, having filled all the offices in it, and now being a Past Grand.



## APPENDIX E

### DOLOR DAVIS AND HIS DESCENDANTS

The sketch of the Davis family given below is very important, since all the descendants of Robert Chaffin, who, April 15, 1719, married Abigail Davis, have Davis blood in their veins, and are proud to have it. The sketch was kindly prepared by Hon. John Davis Long, a friend of the author, and one of the most honored citizens of Massachusetts, whom all the Chaffins are glad to claim kinship with, even though a slight one. Mr. Long was in the Massachusetts legislature four years, beginning in 1875, and was the speaker there for three years; Governor of Massachusetts from 1880 to 1883; in Congress from 1883 to 1889; Secretary of the Navy from Mar. 2, 1897, to May 2, 1902.

The genealogy of the Davis family in Massachusetts is easily traced. Dolor Davis, born about 1600 in Kent, England, was, on Aug. 4, 1634, granted 25 acres of land in Cambridge between what are now Dorchester and Holyoke streets. He had married, about 1624, Margary Willard. She was the sister of Simon Willard, who came to Boston in 1634. His brother-in-law, Dolor Davis, probably came with him. Simon Willard's later prominence in the colony is well known. He was one of the foremost men in early colonial times, the starter of three towns, Concord, Groton and Lancaster, and a commander during several Indian campaigns, whence his title of major. Dolor Davis, whose home in Concord is still pointed out, co-operated with his brother-in-law in founding Groton and was one of its first selectmen, though he does not seem to have taken up his residence there. His two sons, Simon and Samuel, many of whose descendants have achieved distinction, were born in Concord and remained there after their father moved to Barnstable. Dolor made Barnstable his home, and the dam built by him is still to be seen. He was a carpenter and builder, which perhaps accounts for his frequent change of residence, new fields furnishing new employment. He was a man of the strong good sense and sterling qualities which

brought him into frequent public service, and which have been the characteristics of the Davis family ever since.

His marriage to Margary Willard united two prominent families which have contributed an unusual number of distinguished names to Massachusetts.

Dolor Davis was the ancestor of three governors of that commonwealth, Governors John Davis, George Dexter Robinson and John Davis Long, as also Horace Davis, now of San Francisco, and formerly member of Congress from California, Judge Bancroft Davis, Frances E. Willard, two presidents of Harvard College, Captain Isaac Davis, killed at the Concord fight, and many others, who, though holding less distinguished positions, deserved them quite as much.

Indeed to separate the Davises or any one of them from the Massachusetts make-up would be like drawing a thread out of the interwoven web of a roll of cloth, so identified are they with the affiliations, characteristics, traditions and influences of Massachusetts from its earliest colonial days. Intermarried with numerous families, as with the Chaffins, whose genealogy is set forth in this volume, their ramifications have spread far and wide, for Dolor had three sons and three daughters, five of whom married and had large families, one of them twelve children.

It may well be claimed for Dolor and Margary that they have contributed their full share to the blood and spirit of the commonwealth.

JOHN DAVIS LONG.

## APPENDIX F

### NEW ENGLAND CHAFFINS OF UNIDENTIFIED PARENTAGE

It has sometimes happened that births were not reported, or town clerks neglected to record them, and so there have been sons and daughters born whose parentage is unrecorded. This is one of the worst trials of the genealogist. The author has encountered quite a number of Chaffins of this class whom he could not, therefore, place in their regular line of descent. There have been various births, marriages and deaths in New England, whose parentage has not been identified. As the author has found no Chaffins in this section who were not of the Robert line he is positive all of this class named below are also of this line.

One of these is NATHAN, who was b. in Acton, Mass., Dec. 29, 1800, and d. July 16, 1878. He was a farmer in Acton, a man of character. On Oct. 20, 1837, he m. Abigail R. Oliver of Acton, b. July 30, 1817, dau. of Abijah and Elizabeth Oliver; d. in Bedford at the home of her son July 4, 1911, almost 94 years of age. In many ways she was a remarkable woman, of strong character, fine judgment and unusual ability. She never required the services of a physician until her last illness, which lasted only a few hours.

“Mrs. Chaffin was one of the most remarkable women ever born in Acton, on account of the wonderful sagacity, industry and executive ability, which characterized her through the whole of her life and the continuance of these qualities, together with mental and physical vigor, to a very rare age. With her, life was not labor and sorrow after three score and ten. Even after she was four score and ten she was able to do more for others than she needed to have done for herself. She even made her own gowns and always in style, and was planning another when called away after an unconscious illness of only a few hours. She passed her last years not only in the possession of the comforts, but of

the luxuries of life, as one of the greatest satisfactions her son has had in his pecuniary success has been the ability which it has brought him of contributing to his mother's happiness."

How fine a tribute to the son is this concluding sentence! The children of Nathan and Abigail are as follows:

- i. ABBY MARIA, b. Nov. 14, 1838; d. Apr. 28, 1885.
- ii. NATHAN LUCIEN, b. July 12, 1841.
- iii. ELIZABETH AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 27, 1842; d. Jan. 12, 1885; m. Oct. 13, 1872, Woodbury E. Hall, son of Ezekiel and Jane S., and had children: 1. *Cora*, who d. 9 mos. old. 2. *Arthur*, d. 6 mos. old. 3. *Lizzie*, b. Dec. 30, 1884; m. Arthur Allen of Vermont and lives in Leominster, Mass.
- iv. CLARA AMELIA, b. Sept. 26, 1848; m. in Stowe, Mass., Jan. 15, 1874, Samuel P. Brackett, b. 1842, son of Edwin and Mary B.; no children.

NATHAN LUCIEN, son of the above, b. July 12, 1841, in Acton, Mass., started a restaurant in Boston, first in Scollay's Building and later on Cornhill, and did a successful business for about 35 years, living at the time in Arlington. He then retired to Bedford, Mass., where he built a house and where he now lives. He m. in Brighton, June 8, 1870, Florence S. Horne, b. Mar. 16, 1853, in Brighton, dau. of John and Eunice. Children are:

- i. FLORENCE, b. and d. Apr. 28, 1871.
- ii. IDA M. F., b. Sept. 26, 1872; d. July 1, 1875.
- iii. WALTER DWIGHT, b. Aug. 27, 1876—was with his father in the restaurant business and is now in the Boston Tavern.

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Another example of a Chaffin whose birth and parentage failed of record is that of ALVARO L. CHAFFIN. This is unfortunate, for he served his country for a year as a soldier in the Civil War.

He was b. in Dartmouth, N. H., 1845. On Aug. 5, 1864, he enlisted for Claremont for one year in Co. A, New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and was discharged Aug. 7, 1865, at Concord, N. H. He is now disabled and demented, an inmate of the Sullivan County, N. H., Farm Home at Unity. He m. Isabel E.

Wheeler, b. Mar. 12, 1847; d. Sept. 24, 1905; b. and d. at Newport, N. H.; dau. of Briant and Mary (Wakefield).

Of the unidentified Chaffins named below it is to be noted that the names Chaffee and Chapin were sometimes mistaken for Chaffin, and there is, therefore, a chance that some of the Chaffins whose names follow may be really Chaffee or Chapin.

David Sampson and Mary Chaffin, m. June 5, 1712. (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. vi, p. 348.)

Joseph Chaffin and Marvill Davis, m. in Boston, Sept. 12, 1765. (See New North Church records.)

Ebenezer Chaffin, Jr., and Catherine Hoyt, m. Feb. 16, 1815.

Otis Chaffin and Margaret Cross, m. Apr. 26, 1807.

David Chaffin and Hannah Kiblee, m. Dec. 12, 1805.

George W. Furber, m. Angelina Chaffin, Apr. 19, 1835.

Charles H. Allen, m. Elizabeth P. Chaffin, Apr. 28, 1842.

William Chaffin, b. Apr. 25, 1853; son of Bennet & Frances.

Abbie M. Chaffin, d. Apr. 30, 1885, ae 46, 5, 14.

Henry Chaffin, d. Dec. 29, 1902, ae 75, 1. These last five data are from Boston records.

Nabby Chaffin, d. Nov. 27, 1857, ae 69, in Groton, Mass.

Amanda Chaffin, dau. of John and Mary Simpson, d. Mar. 26, 1891, at Tewksbury.

Philip N., son of Calvin M., d. Feb. 3, 1887, in Wales, Mass., ae 39, 7.

Mary B., dau. of John and Ann, d. Mar. 7, 1888, ae 74, 4, in Boston.

Eunice, d. Jan. 13, 1813, in Harvard, Mass., ae 45.

Sarah, a widow, d. Oct. 13, 1839, in West Boylston, Mass.

Prudence S., d. in Grafton, 1888, ae 69, 6, 26; dau. of John and Nabby.

James Ross, Jr., and Sibal Chaffin, m. in Boston, Aug. 23, 1795.

Warren Lemon and Mirandia P. Chaffin, m. in Boston, Nov. 6, 1806.

Moses A. Chaffin of Louisville, Ky., m. Emeline Titcomb of Newburyport, Mass., Mar. 31, 1840.



## APPENDIX G

### THE OLDEST CHAFFIN HOUSE IN AMERICA

A picture of this house accompanies this sketch. The house is in the west part of Acton, Mass., and was built in 1749-50 by John Chaffin, the first American-born Chaffin of the Robert line. The house faces the south. It originally contained but four rooms, one to the right of the front door, the other to the left, with a chamber over each of these rooms. The window projecting from the roof is a later addition. Originally the rooms were un-plastered, and only two are plastered now in the old part of the house. One lower room has the original boarded wall, which has been papered. A stout beam runs through the ceiling in the middle. The large stone chimney once there has been replaced by a smaller brick one. There were fireplaces for warmth and for the cooking in the early days. There were no clapboards on the house then. It was painted red and the door was green, and it is the same today, although clapboards have been added. After the family of John, the builder of the house, had passed away, there were always two families at a time living there, small as the house was, but some additions to it were subsequently made.

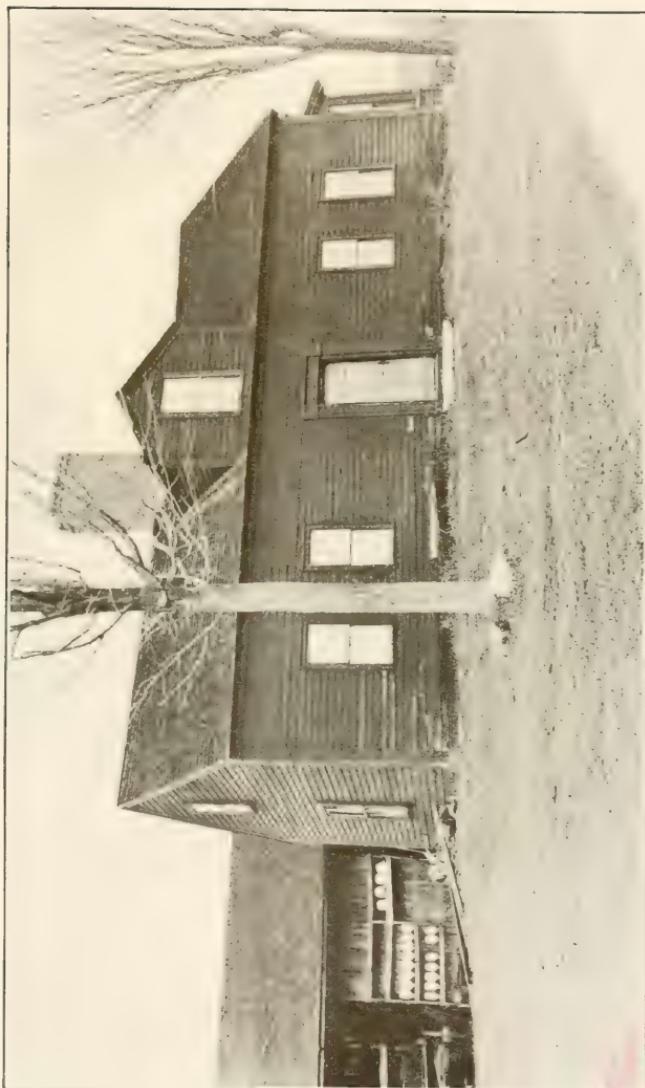
There was once a shoe shop and a hop house near by, but these have disappeared. A pig pen years ago graced the east end of the house, with a walk only wide enough for one person between it and the house—a pen odorous at all times, the occupants furnishing music when hungry and eventually filling a barrel with fat salt pork, one of the mainstays of the table in the winter. The pigsty was, however, banished years ago.

There was once an old fashioned cider mill on the place, where all the neighbors used to bring their apples to make their winter's cider. On winter evenings one of the Johns spoken of above commonly sat near the fireplace where a bright fire blazed and crackled, with his pan of apples and mug of cider on the fire-frame near by, while his wife knit stockings for twenty-five cents per

pair for the small sized ones, knitting larger ones for twenty-five cents when the yarn was furnished, while the younger daughters would spin and weave, one spinning wheel being left in the house still, but the loom has disappeared. Some Indians lived across the pond and often came to the house for a drink of cider. Young John was a boy then and sometimes thought he had to draw cider a little too often, and then he would partly fill the mug with water from the cellar bottom and add some cider afterwards.

After many years several rooms were added to the rear of the old house, two of them serving for sleeping rooms and one for the kitchen. As the farm is now, there are about ninety acres under a good state of cultivation, with about seven hundred apple trees. Chaffin families, descendants of the first John, have always occupied the house, for although the present owner is Mr. Antoine Bulette, he married a Chaffin, and his son by adoption, Frank Bulette, a son of Lucia Chaffin Wyman, will inherit the house after him. About twenty years ago Mr. Bulette built a conservatory eight by eight feet on the east end of the house. He planted the first Baldwin apple tree ever set out in Acton, and thus appears to be an enterprising man.

The house was built, as before said, by John the son of the first Robert, and in it were born all but the first one of his children. The second family to occupy the house was that of John's oldest son, Jonathan, whose six children were born there. He died in 1790, and his widow survived him 47 years. His successor was his son John, who married Naomi Chesman, and their eleven children saw the light of day for the first time in the east room of the old house. A lively household it must have been as the children grew up. Feeding time for them was an interesting occasion. A big pan of hasty pudding was placed upon the center of the table, with a bowl and spoon for each, unless they took turns, the mother and father sitting at the table with as many children as there was room for, the rest standing about or sitting in any convenient place to eat. Not that hasty pudding was their only food, for the farm provided poultry, mutton, veal, beef and pork, and the woods about them were well stocked with squirrels, rabbits, partridges, quails and pigeons, the latter coming in those early



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days in such countless numbers to their roosting places as to break down the branches of the trees as they settled for the night. Some persons were not too fastidious to eat a skunk that had been so carefully dressed and well cooked as not to remind the eater of its well known peculiarity. Milk was plentiful and the brick oven furnished abundant supplies of baked beans, pies and puddings.



## APPENDIX H

### MODES AND HABITS OF LIVING IN EARLY DAYS

The foregoing sketch of the oldest Chaffin house naturally raises the query as to the kind of country home-life in New England in those earlier days. This query will be in part answered by what follows. The contrasts presented between the old-time ways and our own of these later times will be interesting and instructive. The cooking was done in the fireplace, the pots and kettles hanging over the fire on pothooks supported by the movable iron crane. Meat was roasted in the "tin kitchen" placed before the fire, although fresh meat was seldom used. The large bakings of bread, beans, pies and puddings were done in the brick oven. Sometimes a large batch of pies and puddings were baked at once in cold weather, and then allowed to freeze so as to be kept for weeks and months and to be thawed out and used as wanted. It was almost 1850 before the stove came to supersede the fireplaces in this old house. Take a look into the room, and you will see a row of crookneck squashes hanging about just out of reach.\* If you are in there at the right time you will see the occupants paring and quartering apples and stringing them on twine by darning needles and hanging them about the fireplace to dry; or they may be dried in the sun in favorable weather. A whole barrel of boiled cider apple sauce was made each fall. Squashes were cut into long strips and hung on poles placed about the room out of the reach of the head.

They made their own soap, hard and soft. They made their own candles, both dipped and run into moulds. In the west room was a light stand where the candles, with tray and snuffers, used to stand: but sometimes the candles would be snuffed by the thumb and finger rather than with the snuffers. They raised their own sheep and sheared them. They carded, spun and wove their own

\*This suggests the lines from Lowell's *Courtin'*:  
"Agin' the Chimbley crooknecks hung,  
An' in amongst 'em rusted  
The old queen's-arm that Granther Young  
Fetched back from Concord busted."

cloth, both wool and linen, for men's and women's wear. They made their own bedding, woolen and linen, pieced their own quilts, had their quilting bees, when neighbors came in to help, and jolly times were enjoyed. In the old house now is a blue and white woolen spread woven by the second John's wife, Naomi. They knit their own stockings and mittens in those days. They made their own butter and cheese, using the cheese press, over which suspended a large stone hung on a line to be let down when the cheese was ready to be pressed. They weighed their butter with rude scales with a one pound stone on one end and the butter at the other end. They used the dash churn, churning from fifteen minutes to two and three hours. The wooden butter tray and butter spatters are still to be seen in the old house. The milk pans were of brown earthen ware.

Instead of the warm rooms and beds of modern days they slept in winter in cold rooms, too cold for water to be kept in them, and in the morning they took turns washing at the sink and sharing the common roller towel. The old warming pan is still in this house, with which the chill was taken off the beds of the young children and of aged persons. Fire was kept over night by heaping ashes on the coals in the fireplace. Sometimes the fire died out and then, as it was before the invention of friction matches, someone must hustle off to borrow coals of a neighbor, or sparks must be struck from flint into a tinder box holding some easily ignited material; but this was apt to be a tedious job.

They dyed their wool for their clothing. In order to give the yarn a clouded appearance corn husks were tied in sections about the skein before it was dipped in the dye. Corn husks were used to fill the under bed ticks, feather beds being placed on top of them. Corn husks were braided together to make door mats. In summer the women and children of the house picked huckleberries, keeping them in tubs and boxes in the cellar, and sending them to market each week.

In anticipation of a shortage of the milk supply in midwinter, milk, when plentiful, was sometimes put in large tubs in early winter and allowed to freeze solid and was kept so and when needed for use pieces were chopped out and thawed.

The corn, wheat, rye and flax were raised upon the farm, carried to mill, ground, and used at home. When John, Jr., born in 1808, was a small boy he used to take the wheat and other grains to mill, it being put in large bags and hung on the horse's back, and John himself was tied on the horse to keep him from falling off. These grains were gathered, thrashed and winnowed at home. These are some of the contrasts presented between the old time habits of country life and those of the present day.

For these two sketches, one of the old Chaffin house and this one on early modes of country home life, the writer is mainly indebted to Miss C. A. Jewett, who has lived in this house for about fifty years. May she continue to live there as long as life is desirable to her.

To this account of early New England home life a few additional statements may be made. Then, salt beef and pork were the only meat in common use. When a "critter" was killed fresh meat could be had for a little while, but most of it was salted down. The butcher's cart was unknown until later days. The bread was seldom made of wheat, but rather of rye and Indian meal, and this in milk was apt to constitute the breakfast and supper, although bean porridge or "hasty pudding" sometimes varied this monotonous repast. Potatoes although not unknown were not in common use. The salt beef or pork, boiled with vegetables, was the usual dinner; occasionally, however, an Indian pudding boiled in a bag was added. There was game in the woods, rabbits, squirrels, partridges, quails and pigeons, and in rare cases, as before stated, even the flesh of a skunk was used. The writer has known of a man in his town who enjoyed this and pronounced it delicious eating. Fish abounded and the boys often caught perch, horn-pouts, trout, pickerel and eels. Persons living near the shore might have lobsters, oysters, clams and salt water fish. Barn-yard fowls, hens, turkeys and geese, with the eggs they produced, added a pleasant variety to the family larder. Altogether our early Chaffins had plenty of good, wholesome food.

Then, the ordinary means of locomotion consisted of an ox-cart, or the back of a horse with saddle and pinion, on which father and mother and several children might slowly ride. A

chaise, or even a wagon, was uncommon except with quite well-to-do persons, while for distant travel the stage coach was the needed conveyance. Now electric and railroad lines form a network over the country, while motor cars and flying machines, those modern instruments of destruction, inventions for increasing the death rate of mortals, are everywhere.

Then, information from a distance must come by letter brought by the slow conveyance of stage coach or sailing vessel. Now the telegraph keeps us informed of daily occurrences all over the world as soon as they happen. Events taking place in London may be known here before they happen, so to speak, since what occurs at twelve o'clock, London time, may be known here at seven o'clock, our time, five hours earlier. Had some one told John Chaffin in 1750 that the time would come when one could sit by his fireplace and converse with friends in Boston or New York he would have judged him fit for an insane asylum, except that no such institutions existed at that date. Newspapers and periodical literature were almost unknown. The writer has in his possession a newspaper called "The New England Weekly Journal," of Monday, April 8, 1728. It is a single two-page sheet, seven by thirteen inches in size, counting the margins. The latest news from Europe is about *five months old!* To confirm what is said above about coffee as a luxury, we read this advertisement. "Choice New Coffee to be Sold by Arthur Savage at his House in Brattle-Street Boston for Eight Shillings per Pound," i.e. *two dollars a pound!* We may be sure that Robert Chaffin's family seldom, perhaps never, indulged in this extravagance. It illustrates the difference between those days and our own to read in this same paper advertisements of *negro slaves for sale!* One of them is as follows: "A Very Likely Negro Girl, about 13 or 14 Years of Age, speaks good English, has been in the Country some years, to be sold, Inquire of the Printer hereof." Contrast this seven by thirteen inch, two-page, weekly newspaper with our modern papers! And those early papers were costly and had a very limited circulation. The literature read in some of our early Chaffin homes consisted of the Bible, The New England Primer (2¾ x 4 inches) with board covers, having among other execrable

cuts, "the burning of Mr. John Rogers," who, dressed in his clerical best, looks as though he enjoyed the performance, "his wife, with nine small children, and one at her breast, followed him to the stake," and, facing him in three ranks of four each, lacking one, look on complacently with hands folded. Besides these two books will be found the spelling book, Watt's Psalms and Hymns, perhaps also Michael Wigglesworth's "Day of Doom," that epic of hellfire and damnation which was widely read and deeply venerated, so popular that there was sold in its first year one copy to each thirty-five inhabitants of New England. Fox's Book of Martyrs is perhaps on the selves and Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress also, and a few other religious books. Most read of all, perhaps, is the Farmers' Almanac. Hardly ever a story found its way into the house. The now ubiquitous magazine was then absolutely unknown. Many of the children grew up without ever seeing a newspaper, and some of them could not have read them if they did, while the frequency with which on old wills and deeds may be read names with "his mark" or "her mark" over them, does not speak well for the penmanship of the persons whose names appear. It must not be inferred, however, that this was a Chaffin peculiarity, for the writer recalls the fact, which he records in his History of Easton, that the children of Rev. Matthew Short, who lived contemporaneously with the first Robert Chaffin family, were unable to write their names when "far along in their teens." And if *the minister's* children were thus illiterate, what shall we think of others?

It is difficult to appreciate this change in the habits and modes of living, so simple in the old times, and now often so artificial, when luxuries are deemed necessities. The mothers and daughters were all workers. They hired no help, or if they did the "help" were freely admitted to the family circle. These are some of the interesting contrasts between old New England days and the present.



## APPENDIX I

### OLD AGE

The following sermon is presented here, first, because it was written by a Chaffin, and, second, because he wishes to dedicate it to his Chaffin kindred who have reached, or who will reach, the age of three score and ten years; and he hopes it will be a comfort and encouragement to them, as it has been to many others.

#### THE SERMON

Text: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."—Psalm xc. 10.

I have chosen these words to introduce a discourse upon old age because they have been so familiarly associated with the subject, and not because I indorse them; for, while they may correctly describe the old age of the hopeless invalid, the friendless and poverty stricken, and of those who have lived frivolous, selfish, and immoral lives, they are not universally, nor, in my opinion, even commonly, true. There are many serene, peaceful, and happy aged persons whose more than threescore and ten years are not "labor and sorrow," but who still find life worth living, who have many tranquil enjoyments, and of whom it is true that, "If the outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day." Who could be happier than the saintly Florence Nightingale, so lately departed, ninety years old, full of blessed memories of unsurpassed service? Who would think of applying the doleful words of the text to Benjamin Franklin, who was seventy years old when he was made ambassador to France, and became after that the most distinguished diplomatist in Europe; John Quincy Adams, "the old man eloquent," at eighty-three years winning a victory in Congress at heavy odds in maintaining the right of petition; Gladstone at eighty-six years, with his majestic outburst of eloquence, appealing to the sympathy of Christendom in behalf of bleeding Armenia; Whittier, Holmes and Bryant singing some of their sweetest songs after fourscore years; Julia Ward

Howe at ninety-one years, with genius unimpaired and interest in philanthropic work unabated; and Edward Everett Hale at eighty-six years the living embodiment of his justly famous saying that thrills with the spirit of youth and manly endeavor,—

"Look up and not down,  
Look forward and not back,  
Look out and not in,  
And Lend a hand"?

These, and many others, "bringing forth fruit in their old age," as the Bible has it, show that the last days of the aged are not always "full of labor and sorrow," but may be active, fruitful, peaceful, and happy. Do we not all know aged friends, past threescore and ten and even fourscore years, who bear their troubles with patient fortitude, are cheerful and hopeful, free from querulous complaining and repining, thankful still for the gift of life which they continue to enjoy, all of whom remind us of the beautiful scripture, "At eventide there shall be light?"

But what is old age? When may one be said, not merely to be growing old, for all of us are doing that all the time, but when may one be fairly called an old person? "The easiest thing for our friends to discover in us, but the hardest thing for us to discover in ourselves is that we are growing old." About twenty years ago two of our citizens, then about seventy years of age, were conversing together in town meeting, and one of them remarked, "Have you noticed that we no longer see old men here as we used to?" And his friend replied, "Ask these younger men about us if they see any old men here, and they will point to you and me and others like us." We are usually taken by surprise when we first discover that others regard us as old persons. I distinctly recall my first experience of that kind. I had entered a crowded street car in Boston, when a schoolboy kindly arose and offered me his seat. "Why did he do that?" I said to myself. Then I reflected that gray hairs had begun to appear, and I saw that the boy looked upon me as entitled to the deference that belongs to age. And that was twenty-five years ago, when I was only forty-eight years old. It gave me a new sensation when I saw my reflection in that boy's mind,—a sensation often since repeated. But, then, I remembered that, when a boy in church, in those long-

ago days when parents always went to church and took their children with them, I myself regarded many of the worshippers as old persons who had not yet reached the meridian of life.

If we make old age a matter of years only, we can hardly do better than accept the Biblical standard, and admit that three-score and ten years is the limit beyond which persons may properly be called old. Such is the common estimate, and there is no occasion for any of us to feel sensitive about it. But old age is not merely a measure of years. It is also a matter of temperament, of our living interest in things, of our enjoyment of life and the use we make of it, of faith and courage, hope and cheerfulness, friendliness and affection. I know persons past threescore and ten who, in real activity of mind and heart and in cheerful views such as we commonly associate with youth, seem to me younger than others of half that age. Some persons, indeed, are born old and are old all their lives, while others are forever young in spirit, are cheerful, hopeful, see the bright side of things, are pleasant companions, and keep their faith in the loving providence of God. As Dr. Holmes said of Mrs. Howe on her seventieth birthday, "It is better to be seventy years young than forty years old." It is often said that "One is no older than he feels," and, if this is true, many of us now past threescore and ten are still young, and we mean to keep so until the curtain falls. We admit our years, but to find ourselves considered old always takes us by surprise. Indeed, I have known so many bright, progressive, and happy old persons, that I have almost come to think these qualities characteristic rather than exceptional to old age. My observation and such experience as I have justify me in opposing the common impression that old age is a period to be dreaded, a time of special infirmity and decrepitude, of crabbed and querulous dispositions and morose views.

Of course, sometimes disabling sickness, poverty, unhappy domestic conditions, or mental infirmity may overtake one in old age. Father Taylor, broken in health and spirit, was heard in his last audible prayer to say: "Father, what am I here for? What am I doing here? I'm no use to any body. Now, Lord, some morning suddenly snatch me to thyself." But such an experience

is exceptional, and we must remember that sickness, misfortune, and the trials of life are not peculiar to old age. They come also to the young and middle-aged, and they must be harder to bear then, for they interrupt the activities, pleasures, and pursuits of life then eagerly engaged in, and they add the sting of postponed or defeated ambitions, whereas the aged have no such activities to be thwarted and can more patiently bear the troubles that come to them. Having outlived expectations, they are freer from disappointments.

If one is not happy in his old age, it is not because he is old, it is because of conditions that would make any age unhappy. I maintain that, instead of something to dread, old age is much more enjoyable than it has the credit of being, and a large amount of contentment and happiness is possible to it. Twenty years ago an aged relative of mine, dying at our parsonage, over one hundred years old, gave this remarkable testimony, "The last ten years of my life have been the happiest I ever lived." She might have truly said what Mrs. Howe once said to her minister: "The lower I drain the cup of life, the sweeter it grows. All the sugar is at the bottom."

The sight of an aged person nearing the bound of life and showing signs of failing powers may to the young and strong seem pathetic and pitiable. Sometimes it is so, but less often than is commonly supposed, for there are gains as well as losses. Many an old age brings with it peculiar blessings and compensations, and may be what sunset is to the day, with a charm and beauty all its own.

Now, for one thing, if we have lived wisely and well, rightly using the opportunities coming to us, we have stored our minds with interesting knowledge, so that life has continually grown more rich and full of things worth knowing, which now we have the leisure to enjoy. If we have, for example, learned to love nature, the sense of her beauty and blessing increases to the last hour of life and gives us unfailing enjoyment. The wonderful sky, with lovely clouds by day and stars at night, the sea, the thunder storm, the summer's beauty, the autumnal glory, the winter's snow, the coming of spring again, the birds, the flowers, the wav-

ing trees,—what an increased peaceful joy they give us when we are no longer distracted by the pressing cares and labors of life. As we grow older our sensibilities are not so keen, and we suffer less than in earlier years. Old age is no longer fretted by the heats and struggles that drive and worry those who are crowded by duties and responsibilities. No longer influenced by the competitions of life, with their partizan and personal prejudices, nor swayed by its passions, spectators more than participants, and taught by a large experience, the aged are more sane and wise in their judgments, and, I am sure, more charitable and considerate in their estimate of the conduct and character of others. Conscious of having committed many faults ourselves, we are more tolerant of the faults of others. We may have, alas! unpleasant things to remember,—follies, faults, unkindnesses, and even sins. What would we not give had we not committed them! But I hold that we have the right to be happy in spite of them, provided we have sincerely repented and have done our best to atone for them and to repair any evil we may have done. We may well be humble at thought of them, but God's forgiving peace will come to the truly repentant heart.

One of the best compensations of old age is release from the wearing sense of responsibility which is often more trying than the actual work we have to do. Persons holding positions of trust and business men in the management of large interests, or even in their struggle to support those depending upon them, find this responsibility most taxing. Parents feel it deeply as they think of the temptations and dangers which they must train their children to meet and overcome. The teacher and minister, and many others who have important duties to fulfil and are conscientious about them, know what a burden this is. But, when the age limit is reached beyond which these duties are no longer required of us, we can drop this load of responsibility and feel justified in taking life more easily. The children are grown up, are off our hands, and can shift for themselves, and we no longer have to worry about them. No one knows better than the conscientious minister how great this sense of accountability is for the welfare, guidance, and inspiration of the young and old to whom he ministers. Nor

can any one else so fully appreciate his sense of relief and thankfulness when he can rightfully drop this burden and enjoy the leisure and rest so delightful after a long and busy life.

Another advantage of growing old is the increase in the number of our friends and in the leisure to enjoy them; for, the older we grow, the larger becomes the circle of friendship. The deference they pay to age, and the kindness they show, add greatly to the happiness of the aged. Home love, social intercourse, and neighborhood friendliness are most enjoyable at any age; but, because long life enlarges the circle of friends, and, by reducing the number of other enjoyments, concentrates our attention upon them, I think the amount of our happiness from this source is greater the longer we live. I find it so at least. Nor do I subscribe to the common saying that, as we get older, we do not make friends as readily or prize and enjoy them as much as earlier made friends. Long acquaintance may indeed give us more in common with old friends; but one with a large capacity for friendship, which is one of life's richest blessings, finds his enjoyment of friends depends far less upon the length of time he has known them than upon their worth and attractions.

But I may be told that this blessing—the enlarging of our circle of friends incident to age—is offset by the sorrow caused by the increased losses of friends which the aged have to bear. These sad losses, however, come to us in every period of life; and if, as times goes on, the number increases, my observation is that the aged bear them with greater equanimity than younger persons. And all our real friends, whether present with us or gone before us, have added a permanent enrichment to our lives; and, as memory fondly recalls those who have gone, they seem somehow to be with us still, and form part of our real life. Indeed, we must not call them "lost." Friends who live may be lost through indifference or unkindness, but death saves a true friend in a friendship that shall be unbroken. And, besides, the aged know that at the worst this separation is for a brief time, and cannot long divide them from those they love. It is said that sailors on a voyage at sea first drink to the health of the friends they leave behind; but, when half their voyage is over, they turn their faces

forward and drink to the friends before them on the other side, whom they soon expect to meet. So it is in our voyage of life. As we approach the other shore, more and more do we think of those who have gone before us. Time with healing touch has softened the sorrow of parting, and retrospection changes to hopeful anticipation in proportion to our faith in the joy of reunion.

Some persons may, however, think that the shadow of approaching death must darken the lot of the aged and sadden their last days; for, while the young may die soon, the old must do so. But my observation of aged friends convinces me that the thought of death plays a very small part in the experience of those nearing the bound of life, less, I think, than with many in youth and middle life. The prospect of being taken from the joys of youth and the engaging pursuits of middle life is a bitter sorrow, as I myself realized when long facing threatened death soon after entering the ministry. But, when we have had our day and our life's work is done, Nature somehow reconciles us to the coming change, and makes our going as easy as the falling of the ripened leaf from the bough, and may even help us to say with the aged Simeon, "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Even those who unfortunately think that death means extinction can have no reason to dread an event which, if their belief is true, ends all their troubles. And those who believe in God—as it seems to me every sane mind must—can have no ground for fear to go where the Heavenly Father appoints their lot, for he is sure to be as good to us on the other side of death as he is on this. He made ready for our coming here. He will make ready for our going there.

There is much more to be said upon this theme, but I will close with two observations. First, a word for the young, how shall they prepare for a happy old age? Prepare for it they must in earlier years, if they have it at all; for no greater mistake can be made than to suppose a happy old age can follow a foolish or misspent life. So I would say most earnestly, let them first of all care for their health, keep the body in the best possible repair and vigor so as not to carry into their declining years needless

ill-health and suffering. Let them prudently endeavor to lay up something to save them from poverty and dependence on others when age comes on. Let them keep an intelligent interest in the real life of the world, in reading good books, in cultivating those simple and innocent joys that may outlast any age. Few things are more important than this. Those whose happiness depends upon exciting pleasures must grow sad when old age puts such enjoyments beyond their reach. But they may learn to find unceasing delight in simple and always accessible pleasures, in the aspects of nature, in literature, in watching the great affairs of the world, in home delights, in innocent games and pastimes, in friendship and social intercourse. Let them especially live such clean, honorable, and helpful lives as shall save them from the unhappy and remorseful memories that make many an old age miserable, and as shall make the pictures hung up in the halls of memory, where so much of their time must be passed, a perpetual delight to look upon. And let them not be too much absorbed in things of little worth, but have their minds open to the wonders and glories of God's universe, to a trustful sense of his goodness, and of dear companionship with him, to the service of others, to the greatness of our immortal destiny,—in a word, to find the joy and support of true religion, so that, loving and serving God and their neighbor, their last days will be passed in serenity and peace.

And now, finally, how shall we who have passed our threescore years and ten, and are called old, be happy as our days glide by? Our supreme need is faith, such faith as Jesus had in God's presence, love, and care, in the sanctity of life and love and duty, and in the life immortal. If our faith is weak, let us make the most of what faith we have. Let us every day look up and say "God is my father," and keep saying it, and make this the constant attitude of our hearts. "God is my father" includes all praise and prayer. We may, as experience teaches many of us, helpfully read a page every day in some such manual of devotion as our own "Daily Praise and Prayer." It will inspire and bless us to learn to know Jesus in his transcendent personality, and so enthrone him in our hearts as an ideal companion as to realize Paul's

word, "Christ formed within you the hope of glory." Let us, for the sake of others, as well as for our own, keep as cheerful a spirit as we can, have grateful appreciation of kindnesses shown us, and reciprocate such kindness as we can. Let us not lose the enjoyment of innocent pleasures and pastimes, keep as young as possible by association with the dear children about us, feast our eyes and thoughts on the beautiful and sublime aspects of nature, keep up our interest in current affairs and in good literature, and make the most of home love and neighborly friendship. And especially let us see that we are never too old to gain that best of all happiness that comes from adding something every day to the happiness of others. Then we may say, in the beautiful lines of Mrs. Howe,—

"My journey nears its close; in some still haven  
My bark shall find its anchorage of rest,  
When the kind Hand, which every good has given,  
Opening with wider grace, shall give the best."



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